

### THE HUMPBAC'S WAIL

has been selected by the Poetry Book Society as one of the two top choices for the children's poetry bookshelf, Summer Term 2010.

'Chrissie Gittins' poems are imaginative snapshots taken with a quirky edge that appeals to children. She crafts the language, surprises the reader and many of the poems would act as creative catalysts for children's own writing. She is one of the best 'children's poets' currently writing and visiting schools.' *Pie Corbett*

'Chrissie Gittins knows just what words can do: she makes them dance, sing, sit still for a moment and then leap across the page with joy!' *Ian McMillan*

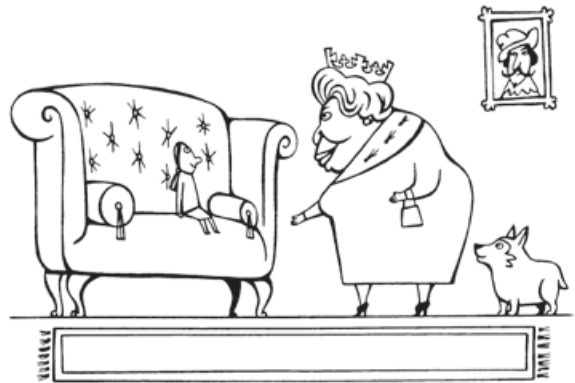
'Chrissie Gittins has a McGough-like flair for idiomatic surrealism,' *Michael Thorn, TES.*

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**CHRISSIE GITTINS** was born in Lancashire and lives in South London. Her children's poems have been broadcast on BBC R4, animated for Cbeebies television and widely anthologized. *Now You See Me, Now You ...* was shortlisted for the first CLPE Poetry Award in 2003. Her second children's poetry collection *I Don't Want an Avocado for an Uncle* was shortlisted for the CLPE Poetry Award 2007 and was a Poetry Book Society Choice for the Children's Poetry Bookshelf. In 2010 the republished *Now You See Me, Now You ...* was a PBS Choice for the Children's Poetry Bookshelf for the Spring Term. Two of Chrissie's children's poems won Belmont Poetry Prizes in 2002. She has read her children's poetry at the Aldeburgh Poetry Festival, the Edinburgh International Book Festival, the Hay Festival and the Poets House in New York. Chrissie also writes radio drama, and poetry and short stories for adults. [www.chrissiegittins.co.uk](http://www.chrissiegittins.co.uk)

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