

Bobbie Darbyshire --Novelist

Our U3A welcomed our guest speaker Bobbie Darbyshire.

Although Bobbie didn't mention it, she won the 2008 fiction prize at the National Academy of Writing and the New Delta Review Creative Non-Fiction Prize 2010.

She certainly had authority and confidence when speaking about her successful writing career, which really came across to the audience. Bobbie is the author of 5 novels and is currently working on a 6th.

The talk was entitled 'How do authors get their ideas'

Bobbie shared many of the ways she gets inspiration for her novels, for example she spent a week in both Inverness and Norwich to give authenticity to a couple of her books.

She summed up what a novelist usually has to contend with when writing a book.

She said:

"It is usually a beginning, a muddle and an end!"

The middle part is the section that becomes the "muddle" part, which is the most difficult part to write!

Richard Hartman