

# 5 QUESTIONS

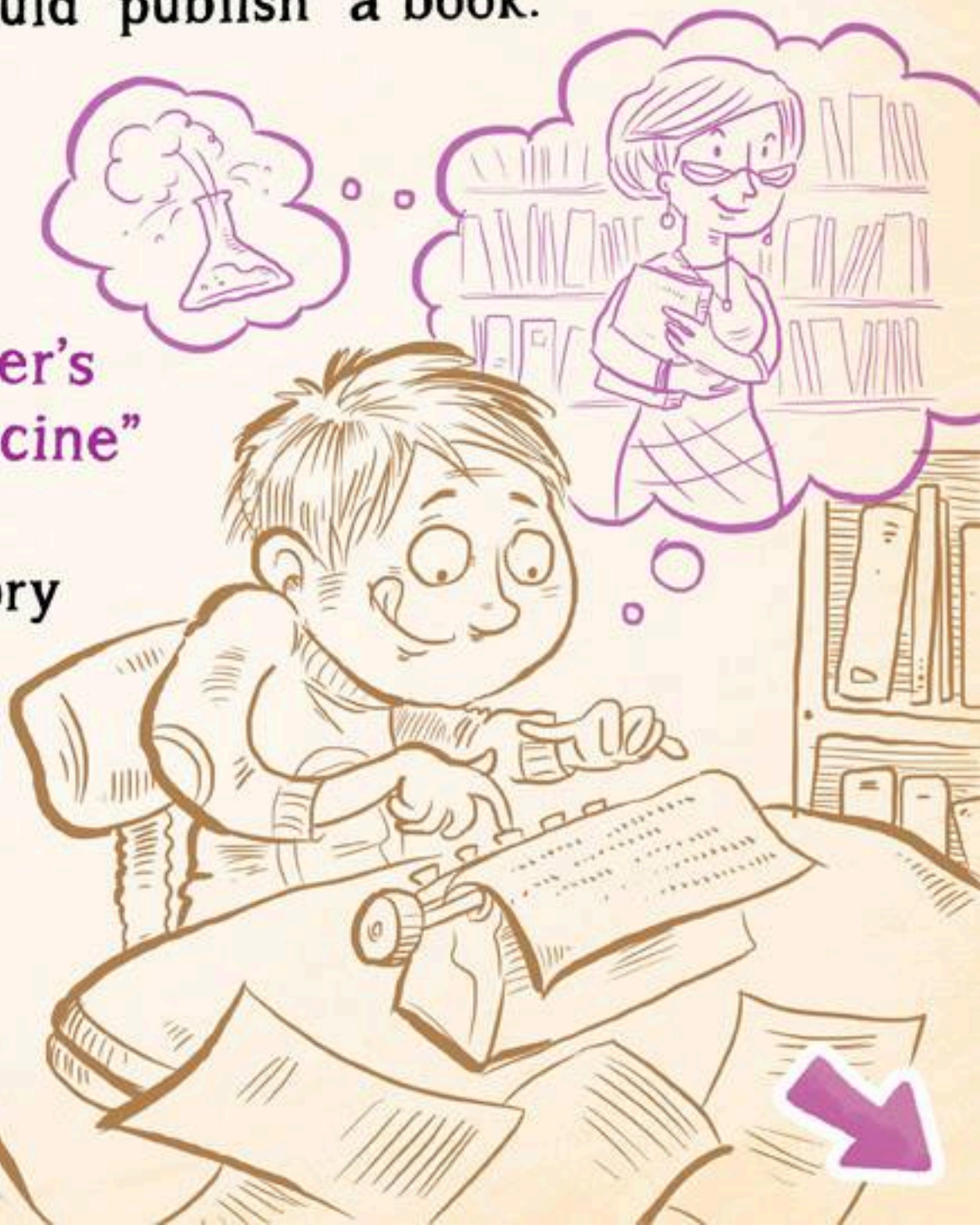
Illustrated  
Interview  
with  
**Paul Russell**  
the author of  
**My Storee**



# 1. When did you write your first story?

When I was about 8 my mum taught me to use a typewriter so I could “publish” a book.

It was called:  
“Christine Spencer’s  
Marvellous Medicine”  
and was based on  
the Roald Dahl story  
but featured my  
school librarian  
in the main part.



## 2. What did you want to be when you grow up?

When I was 5, I wanted to be an **astronomer**. I just thought stars were the coolest thing ever.



This lasted all through primary school but by the time I was 15 I thought I would be a **chef**.



Since then I've worked as:  
a kitchen hand, librarian assistant, teacher aide,  
holiday camp instructor, teacher, playwright  
and artist.

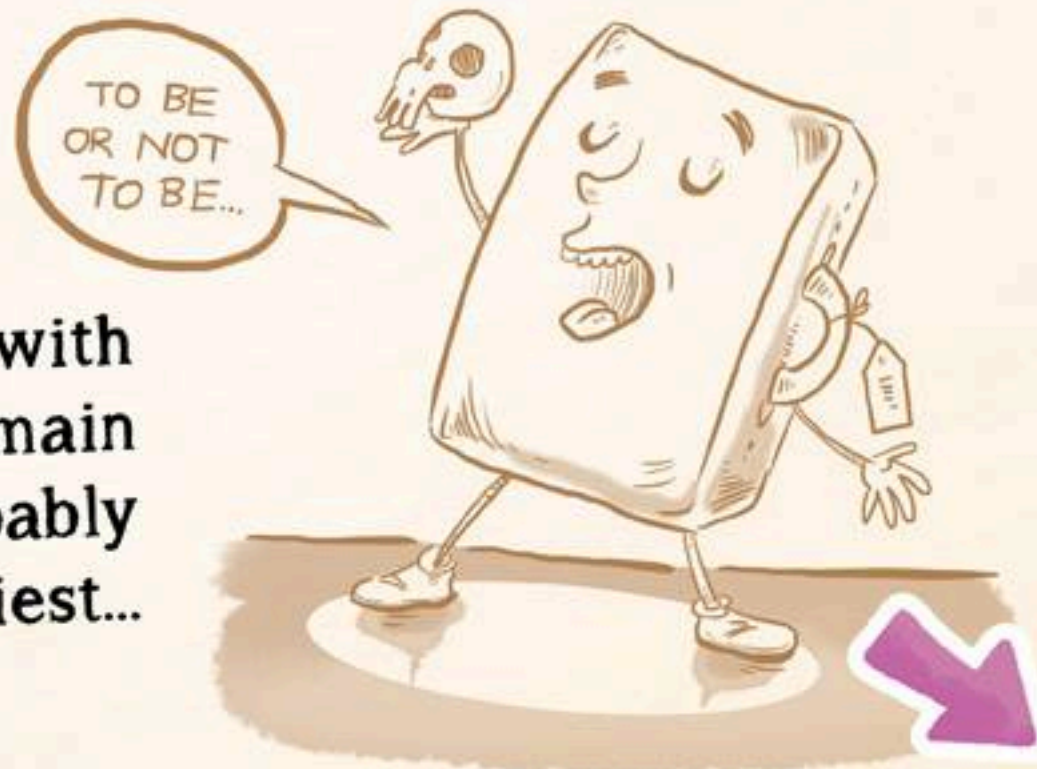


### 3. What's the wackiest character you've made up in a story?



I always think I create very normal characters but it seems it is my mind that is a little wacky and people often see my characters as wackier than I intended.

I once wrote a play with a **suitcase** as the main character, that is probably the wackiest...

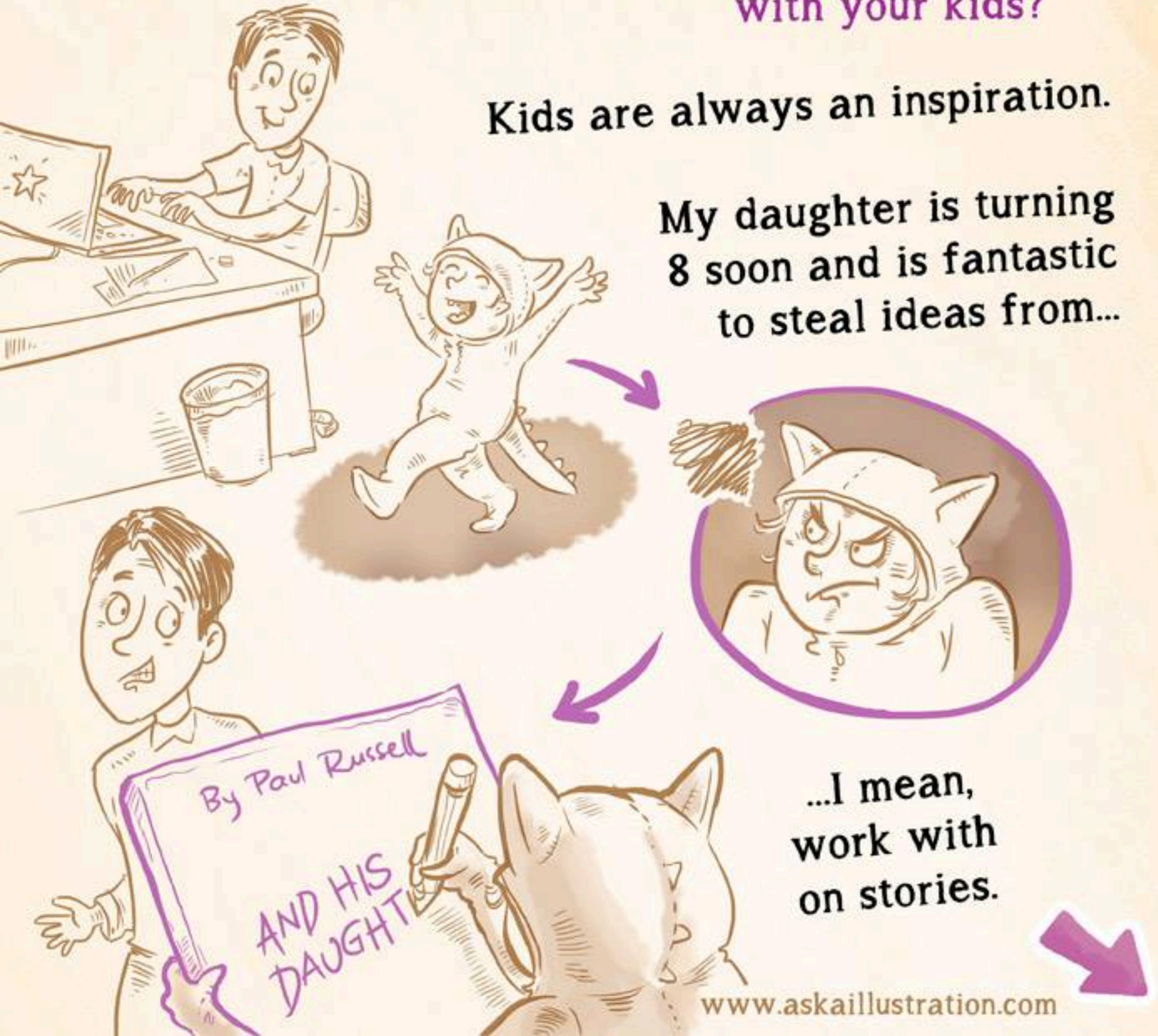


#### 4. Have you made up any stories together with your kids?

Kids are always an inspiration.

My daughter is turning 8 soon and is fantastic to steal ideas from...

...I mean, work with on stories.



## 5. What do you think makes a good writer?

A good writer is someone who never turns their back on their own imagination and feeds it as much as possible their entire life.



Thanks for chatting Paul!