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Hetty Feather

by Jacqueline Wilson

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ROLL UP, ROLL UP FOR THE AMAZING TALE OF
HETTY FEATHER!

GASP AS SHE IS ABANDONED AS A BABY

SHUDDER AT THE HARDSHIP SHE SUFFERS

WONDER AT HER SEARCH FOR HER REAL MOTHER

Hetty Feather is just a tiny baby when her mother leaves her at the Foundling Hospital, the institution that cares for abandoned children – but Hetty must first live with a foster family until she is big enough to go to school. Her life in the countryside is hard but happy particularly when the circus comes to the nearby village and Hetty is mesmerised by the glamorous Madame Adeline and her performing horses.

But Hetty's happiness is shattered when she is returned to the Foundling Hospital. The new life of awful uniforms, terrible food, and strict rules is suffocating for her. But on a rare outing to join the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, Hetty seizes the chance to find her mother. Could her mother really be the wonderful Madame Adeline?

Set in the 1880s and featuring a brand new feisty heroine, this is a tale that will thrill young readers. Warm, moving, funny and totally fascinating, it is the perfect gift for girls of eight and older.

Background to the story

This novel came about as a result of Jacqueline being chosen to be one of three inaugural Foundling Fellows by the Foundling Museum in London. Their brief was to work with the museum to develop original, creative initiatives for children. Jacqueline worked closely with the museum on their Victorian schools programme and it was whilst doing this that the idea for *Hetty Feather* was born.

With sales of over 25 million copies, Jacqueline Wilson is one of the top three best selling authors of the century. She is a former Children's Laureate and was awarded a DBE in 2008.

"The tone of voice is faultless ...and her plots work with classic simplicity... a subtle art is concealed by artlessness, and some might call that genius"

Daily Telegraph



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Notes for Editors

- The Foundling Hospital was first set up in 1739 by Thomas Coram and among its early benefactors were George Frideric Handel, and William Hogarth. The museum is now situated adjacent to the original site of the Foundling Hospital
- Jacqueline Wilson was made a Foundling Fellow of the Museum in November 2007. The other two Fellows named were musician Damon Albarn and sculptor Richard Wentworth
- More information about the Foundling Museum can be found at www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk
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- The audio version of Hetty Feather read by Jacqueline Wilson will be published by BBC Audio on CD and for download on the 8th October priced £11.73