

Once upon a time, I wrote a children's book

YOUNGSTERS enjoyed a special story time with an author from Portishead who has written her first children's book.

Jean Webster, aged 60, led a storytelling session at the town's library where she read her book, *No Hens in the Pen*. Jean started her writing career after retiring from her job as a primary school teacher three years ago.

She signed up for a writing course at Bristol University and completed her book in just three months.

The inspiration for her book came from her daughter-in-law Zoe who has an allotment. The book follows the story of best friends Chrissie Cress and Peter Parsnip who live on a city farm.

Jean, a mum of two, said: "Each book also includes a packet of seeds, so as well as encouraging children to read, it also inspires them to grow vegetables."

No Hens in the Pen costs £6.99. Email jean@jeanpwebster.co.uk.



Happily ever after: Author Jean Webster reads her book to children at Portishead library