

The fairy who dares to be different

By Sara Bryce

A MISFIT fairy will be teaching youngsters it is OK to be different in a children's book by an Island-based author.

Peta Rainford's *Hairy Fairy*, a rhyming picture book for three to eight year olds, tells the tale of Fizzy, a fairy who thinks a little differently to her fellow fairies.

According to the book, Fizzy 'doesn't think like others think, prefers blue wings to standard pink'.

Peta spent 20 years working as a business journalist before changing course to write and illustrate children's stories.

The author, who studied English at York University and fine art at Central St Martin's, said: "It feels like the perfect fit for me. It combines my love of words with my love of painting and drawing as well as providing me with an outlet for my awful jokes."

Hairy Fairy costs £6.99 and is available from Amazon and Peta's own website, www.dogpigeon.co.uk

Peta Rainford and her book, *Hairy Fairy*.

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