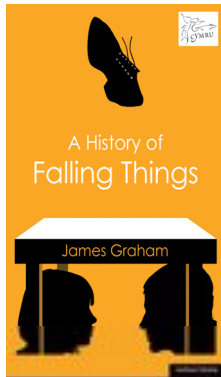


# [A History of Falling Things](#) by James Graham



Robin and Jacqui have more than just typical teenage angst to contend with. They are *keraunothetophobiacs* . people with a phobia of falling things . having to live indoors. They think they are alone in their phobia: that is until they meet online and, through Internet chat, share their fears and anxieties. They also share their hobbies, interests, life plans, and desire to conquer their phobia . but can never quite bring themselves to meet up outside of cyberspace. Or can they . . . ?

*A History of Falling Things* premiered at Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Wales, in April 2009.

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## EXTRACT

**Jacqui** What started you writing for children?

**Robin** I just. (*Shrugs.*) Wanted to tell stories. Loved them growing up. Even though they generally scared the shit out of me. Think children's stories can be the scariest of all. *Watership Down*, do you remember that? Rabbits being eaten by dogs or shot or run over by cars; that was nice.

**Jacqui** I was big into Disney. Used to dress up, had a little crown and everything. My mum bought me this music box. Spinning princess in it. Still have it. (Loser.) She used to sing this song to me and then she found this box, in a shop somewhere, that was playing the same thing. And she couldn't believe it. So she bought it for me to have when she wasn't here.

Which was more and more, as it goes.

**Robin** (*beat*) *Chicken Licken*, course. The chicken who believed the sky was falling down.

**Jacqui** Yeah, course. Even though it wasn't.

**Robin** Even though it wasn't. Robin Hood.

**Jacqui** Your namesake.

**Robin** Exactly. Used to pretend. Save Maid Marian. From the castle.

**Jacqui** There aren't any Jacquies in fairytales. Sucks. No one cool was ever called Jacqui.

**Robin** Jackie Kennedy.

**Jacqui** Oh yeah. Snow.

**Robin** The Snowman. See, that was scary.

**Jacqui** That wasn't scary.

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