CLIVE GIFFORD is an award-winning author specialising in engaging and entertaining non-fiction books especially for children and young adults. Clive has contributed many articles to Encyclopaedia Britannica, written fiction such as *The Book of Bad Things* and *The Water Puppets*, produced quiz questions for TV games shows and even written sports celebrities' 'autobiographies' – he's not telling who.

By the age of 19, Clive had already had 11 books published by Addison-Wesley, Omnibus Press and Virgin Books on topics as varied as rock music, gangsters in 1920s Chicago and computers and new technology. After several years travelling the world as far afield as Japan, Easter Island, Peru and Tahiti, he worked as an editor at Usborne Publishing for seven years before turning freelance as an author and journalist.

Clive has since written more than 200 books which have been translated into more than 25 languages including Korean, Chinese, Japanese and Icelandic. He was especially proud when a Braille edition of his 500 page *Kingfisher Geography Encyclopedia* was produced by the US National Library Service. Clive writes scripts and materials for the Living Paintings charity devoted to bringing the wonder of books to visually impaired children and adults.

His books have been nominated for or won a number of prizes including Smithsonian, PBS and NAPPA awards in the United States and Times Educational Supplement (TES), Blue Peter Book Award and British Book Awards in the UK. Recent wins or shortlists include:

- *Discover More: Technology* (Scholastic) won the School Library Association's Information Book of the Year as did *Think Again!* (Kingfisher) which challenged hard to shift myths and errors in science and history.

- *Atlas Of Oddities* (Egmont Red Shed) was shortlisted for the 2017 Children's Travel Book Of The Year.

- In October 2018, Clive won The Sainsbury's Children's Book Award for *The Book Of Comparisons* (Ivy Kids).

- *The Colour Of History* (QED Publishing) won the Blue Peter Book Awards' Best Book With Facts, televised live on World Book Day in March 2019.

- Clive has twice been shortlisted for the highly prestigious Royal Society Young People's Book Prize including *Out Of This World* (Buster Books) in 2012. Two years later, he was delighted to win the prize with *Eye Benders: The Science Of Seeing and Believing* (Ivy Kids). It resulted in him appearing at the Hay Festival in a sold out 800-seater event.

Clive has been vegetarian for over 25 years and finally got to write about the subject in the five-star reviewed *Living On The Veg* (Watts) in 2017.

Clive's website can be found at www.clivegifford.co.uk for further background and examples.

For Clive's views on the importance of non-fiction writing, head to his article for the Royal Society at: https://blogs.royalsociety.org/inside-science/2014/11/21/a-window-onto-the-world-clive-gifford-on-childrens-science-books/