

My Favourites with... **Abi Silver**

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This month we hear from Abi Silver who is author of *The Pinocchio Brief*



My place of birth: Leeds

When I was young, I wanted to be: An actress

My first car: Ford Fiesta in terracotta

My first job: When I was 17 I signed up to a temping agency and had lots of jobs; most memorable include washing up at Yeadon Airport, filing at St Ivel (dairy) in Ossett and testing products in the lab at Rank Hovis McDougall (RHM)

My all-time favourite album/CD: *Synchronicity* by The Police

My favourite food: Sushi

My favourite UK holiday spot: Anywhere in Yorkshire but particularly Bolton Abbey/The Strid but I also love Polzeath in North Cornwall where we go each May

My first crush: Adam Ant

My favourite TV programme: *Sherlock* and looking back a few years, *The Lakes*

My favourite movie: *Crash* (2004) the Thandie Newton/Matt Dillon one about racial tensions in LA

My favourite hobbies: Reading, music, gardening (all good antidotes to the day job)

My worst habit: Leaving cupboard doors open everywhere in the house

My most embarrassing moment: Getting locked in a gents' loo at the RHM lab. The ladies' loos were miles away so in a stropmy feminist moment I had insisted on using the gents and had to pay the price.

My most memorable moment: My wedding day

My favourite periodical: *New Scientist*

My favourite part in my local area is: I love the café in Cassiobury Park. It's a great people watching space

I would not want to be stuck in a lift with: Ken Livingstone

I would most like to meet: Daniel Day-Lewis

My ideal night out: *The Pearl Fishers* opera at the Royal Opera House followed by dinner

If I could change my profession I would be: That is really hard as I am doing two things I love already. Law and writing. Probably teaching

If I could change one thing about myself it would be: I am very impatient, not a great trait for a writer

My theme song: Always look on the bright side of life.

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