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## JW Lawson

**Currently living in:** Hitchin/United Kingdom

**Main works:** Third Time Lucky

**I started writing because:** I've always had a vivid imagination and I needed to translate all of those wonderful ideas stored in my head into a book. Now I've started writing, I can't stop!

**My main writing interests are:** Thrillers and poetry. I also thrive on business writing, including several manuals and brochures.

**My sources of research and information are:** The internet, meeting the people I am writing about, understanding my subject matter through study and life experiences.

**My inspiration comes from:** People I meet, people I observe, books I have read and sharing thoughts and ideas with others.

**My stories are planned like this:** I planned the story meticulously. However, there was no storyboard, just notes and a time-line. I'd created the characters in my mind years ago and in the end, the entire storyline simply fell into place, without the need for me to refer to my notes. However, the ending surprised me somewhat. It certainly wasn't what I'd planned originally!

**I have written a series of books based on:** Psychological thrillers. I am fascinated by the mind and always will be. I also love a twist in a story, along with sitting on the edge of my seat, wondering what will happen next. 'Third Time Lucky' covers endless psychological conditions, but it is also a story of recovery from abuse - and revenge. The sequel, 'Mummy's Little Angel' is far darker. The reader will be left questioning who the psychopath is throughout the entire book and won't discover until the very end.

**My future plans are to:** Continue with the same genre. Book three is already in my head!

**My own favourite character is:** Jonathan, the women's psychiatrist. His character shows flaws and weaknesses, despite him being a brilliant physician. I also like Lizzie. Despite being fiesty and often aggressive, deep down she has a kind heart and such determination to recover and overcome years of torment and abuse.

**I sometimes find myself thinking like:** Jonathan. His 'pie chart' theory on life is how I operate mine. I worry only about things that I can change, not scenarios or possibilities that may never occur.

**I also have a few other books I'd like to highlight as follows:** I self published a poetry book some years ago but have withdrawn it as I need to make edits and additions to it.

***My advice to new writers would be:*** Follow your dream and write your book. However, be prepared for disappointment; you may believe that your book is the next best-seller, but getting it noticed and recognised is extremely tough. Luck plays an enormous part in your book's success. Be prepared to spend possibly thousands of pounds with very little return – decent copy editors are expensive, but essential. And finally, hold your head up high when your book is placed on your bookshelf. So many people say 'oh I must write a book some day' but never do. You have, and you should be proud of yourself!

***Writing has its ups and downs:*** Creating the book is wonderful. I lose myself in the story and become the character I am writing about. My absolute hate is the editing and re-writes and being slated by my copy-editor for waffling too much!

***When I'm not writing:*** Friends and family. Walking, travelling to beautiful places both in the UK and elsewhere, eating out and planning the next book – which is bound to be a best seller. Oh, and daydreaming too!

***For copy editing and proofreading:*** I hired a professional copy-editor (Jane Hammett). However, I have several friends who also proofread and comment on my book. One friend, in particular has identified some errors that Jane missed.

***I accept criticism from:*** Initially I was very demoralised and I considered giving up on the whole book. I then realised that everything Jane was saying was correct and now, following the re-writes and major edits, the book flows so much better and is professionally written.

***My experiences with self-publishing:*** I've only used Createspace so far and once you've followed the clear instructions, it's pretty easy.

***I promote my books via:*** Social media at the moment and my own website. I must do more though but it's difficult as writing is my hobby and I have a full time career which swallows up ten hours a day.

***My favourite mainstream authors are:*** Nelson DeMille, James Patterson, Iain Banks, Jodie Picoult.

***I am currently reading:*** My friend's new children's book: 'Here comes Granny Ticktock'. It's delightful!

***I prefer to read books in:*** Paperback.

***A bit about my other interests:*** Bridges. I am fascinated by them and love to touch and feel them. I'm visiting the Golden Gate Bridge this year and can't wait. Now had sad am I?!!

***My most unattainable ambition is:*** To attend the premier of 'Third Time Lucky' having selected the lead cast, of course. Naturally, Jonathan will simply have to be Colin Firth!!!

***Last thoughts before we go down the pub/club/library/boot-sale/exercise yard:*** Never give up on your dreams. They can come true.

## Author Links

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