



Caroline Jennett

BA(Hons) English Literature and Creative Writing, 2015

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Returning to education

Going to university and completing a degree in English Literature was always part of Caroline Jennett's plan, even if her journey wasn't straightforward. Caroline initially began her undergraduate degree in Cardiff, but after falling pregnant she decided to pause her studies and begin family life in Jersey. After working in a range of jobs to support herself and her two sons, Caroline was able to return to study at the University of Hertfordshire in 2009.

After reading a prospectus that one of her sons bought home, Caroline decided to speak to UH after seeing that English Literature and Creative Writing was available as a part-time course. *'I was impressed by the flexible approach Hertfordshire took, that they would accommodate me as much as possible as a part-time student. I took six years to do my degree as I had to work alongside my studies. I was systematic in my approach, as I knew I could only manage two modules a semester alongside my work and family commitments. To achieve my degree has truly been a lifelong ambition and I am delighted with my achievement.'*

Studying at Hertfordshire

It is safe to say that Caroline immersed herself in university life, setting up the Theatre Goers Society, being the part-time student rep, co-writing a play that was produced at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and even meeting the Queen at a university-organised weekend away! *'I met so many interesting people and had my mind opened to ideas that I would never have even considered. My university*

experience allowed me to throw myself wholeheartedly into subjects that interested me without having to justify the time I spent on myself.'

Caroline continues to work in the company where she was based whilst studying. She is now a Partner at family-run property maintenance business Fortune Management, running the accounts department and dealing with all aspects of the business including property maintenance, clients and human resources.

Future plans

Caroline certainly isn't resting on her laurels after completing her degree and has thrown herself into a Creative Crime Writing MA at the University of East Anglia, something she wholeheartedly recommends. *'It is rewarding to discover new things and the Masters I'm studying for is a great way to focus in on what was of the most interest to me as an undergraduate.'*

As well as being enjoyable, taking on an MA is the next step in Caroline's ultimate dream of being a published author. *'I am in the process of writing my first novel and thoroughly enjoying the experience. When I have completed the MA I am hoping to find work as a Creative Writing tutor, as I pursue my dream of being a published author. My educational journey has been a means to that objective. My studies at Hertfordshire gave me the confidence and the style to achieve my place on my current course and I am delighted I chose to study there.'*



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