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## Kylie's book therapy 凯莉书康疗法

### Pop Star Writes Children's Story 歌星写童书

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

First Madonna did it and now Kylie's doing it. Two of the world's best known **pop divas** have been **branching out**. Instead of performing concerts in **packed stadiums** around the world and recording multi-million selling albums, they have **turned their attention** to the more gentle world of children's publishing.

Madonna's book "The English Roses" came out in 2003 and now Kylie Minogue's novel "The Showgirl Princess", a story about one girl's journey to **stardom**, has just been **published**.

Both women are already famous for being **multi-talented**. Both are well-known world-wide for their singing, dancing and acting but now it's their writing skills that they are **keen to share with the rest of us**.

Kylie began acting on Australian TV when she was 11 years old but it was her role as the teenage "Charlene" in the soap opera "Neighbours" that really **put her on the international map**.

Her **on-screen boyfriend** (played by Jason Donovan) in "Neighbours" became her **off-screen love** and when the two of them recorded the **duet** "Especially for You" in 1989 it seemed that romance, pop music and success were all **Kylie's for the taking**.

16 years later her **charmed life** was **shattered** with the news that she had **breast cancer**. Her world tour was **cancelled** and she **underwent surgery** in May 2005.

It was while she was recovering from her breast cancer treatment that she wrote "The Showgirl Princess". She said it was **therapeutic to be working on something** while she was **recuperating**.

Madonna said one of the reasons for writing "The English Roses" was that she wanted to do something for her children. Kylie's reason is rather different. She admits the idea of the book came from her actor boyfriend Oliver Martinez but that she has always had an interest in writing. "Way back when I was in primary school" she said, "I used to do little drawings and stories. My dad always said that one day I'd write a children's book".

Kylie Minogue is due to start her next tour in Australia in November 2006.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>pop divas</b> – 超级流行女歌星	<b>branching out</b> – 另辟新境
<b>packed stadiums</b> – 座无虚席的演出会场	<b>turned their attention to</b> – 把注意力转向
<b>stardom</b> – 明星地位	<b>published</b> – 出版发行
<b>multi-talented</b> – 多才多艺的	<b>keen to share with the rest of us</b> – 迫切与众分享
<b>soap opera</b> – 肥皂剧	<b>put her on the international map</b> – 将她推上国际舞台
<b>on-screen</b> – 银幕上	<b>off-screen</b> – 幕下
<b>duet</b> – 二重唱	<b>for the taking</b> – 供...抓取, 伸手可得
<b>her charmed life was shattered</b> – 她光彩迷人的生活被粉碎了	<b>breast cancer</b> – 乳腺癌
<b>cancelled</b> – 取消	<b>underwent surgery</b> – 经过手术
<b>therapeutic</b> – 治疗的	<b>recuperating</b> – 康复

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Madonna and Kylie have both written books for children. True / False
2. Kylie was very famous before she acted in "Neighbours". True / False
3. Kylie and Madonna recorded "Especially for You" together. True / False
4. Kylie found out she had breast cancer in 2005. True / False
5. Writing "The Showgirl Princess" helped Kylie recover from her breast cancer surgery. True / False

## 2. Vocabulary 词汇

All of the words below are related to books and writing. Match the word to its definition.

下列词汇都与书籍和写作相关。请将单词和相应的定义配对。

- |                     |                                                                                                      |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. a novel          | a. the words that people say in a book. The words have quotation marks round them like "this"        |
| 2. an autobiography | b. a book that is based on the facts of someone's life. Written by that person                       |
| 3. the plot         | c. a book that is based on fiction, not fact, for example, a romance, a thriller or a detective book |
| 4. the dialogue     | d. the events which happen in a book                                                                 |

Now use the words to complete the following sentences.

请用下列词语填空。

1. He likes detective books. He loves trying to guess the whole \_\_\_\_\_ after he's read only a few chapters.
2. I loved the story but the \_\_\_\_\_ was so old-fashioned. No-one really talks like that anymore.
3. She studies hard during term-time so when she's on holiday she just likes to read romantic \_\_\_\_\_s.
4. I'd love to read Madonna's \_\_\_\_\_ so that I could find out what she really thinks about her fame.

### 3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

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2. multi-talented women are famous for Both already being.

3. Australian acting was she Kylie years began eleven TV when old on

4. charmed was Sixteen years later life shattered her

5. that children's My day I'd write always dad said book a one

6. start in November due her Minogue 2006 is to tour Kylie next

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the music industry in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与音乐产业有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

s	h	i	d	s	i	n	g	q	u	b	p
t	d	u	e	t	a	e	r	b	w	m	u
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t	l	m	a	s	t	a	d	i	u	m	t
o	c	e	r	b	m	r	y	u	o	t	d
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e	q	t	s	i	n	i	r	d	e	m	m
p	r	o	f	r	e	p	v	n	r	t	p
t	o	v	a	i	o	n	w	a	t	v	b

sing	duet	perform	stadium	tour
dance	record	diva	concert	album

## Answers 答案

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1. c
  2. b
  3. d
  4. a
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  4. I'd love to read Madonna's **autobiography** so that I could find out what she really thinks about her fame.

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				s	i	n	g				
	d	u	e	t							
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