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About the Author

Caroline Taggart worked in publishing as an editor of popular non-fiction for 30 years before writing *I Used to Know That*. Her later books include *My Grammar and I (or should that be 'Me'?)* and *Her Ladyship's Guide to the Queen's English*. As a result, she has appeared frequently on *BBC Breakfast* and on national and regional radio, talking about language, grammar, and Pythagoras' theorem.

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