

Authors with April Birthdays



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Hans Christian Andersen



April 2, 1805 – August 4, 1875
Odense, Denmark

Popular Fairy Tales include ...

The Ugly Duckling

The Little Match Girl

The Emperor's New Clothes

The Little Mermaid

Thumbelina

The Princess and the Pea

- His father was a shoemaker and his mother was a washerwoman.
- He wanted to be an actor for the Royal Theater of Copenhagen, but did not have the talent needed.
- Published his first book of fairy tales when he was 30, they were immediately popular.
- His fairy tales include little pieces of his life.
- Published his last fairy tale in 1872.
- http://www.andersen.sdu.dk/vaerk/hersholt/ThePrincessOnThePea_e.html
- http://www.hkedcity.net/iclub_files/a/1/62/webpage/10-11/ERA/ERA2010-T401_ReadersTheatre.pdf



April 5, 1955

Middlesex, England

He is an author, screenwriter,
playwright and journalist.

Most Popular Series

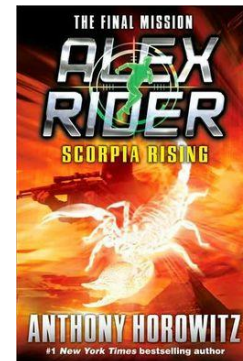
The Alex Rider Series
(A Teen Spy Series)

<http://www.anthonyhorowitz.com/about/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_Horowitz

Anthony Horowitz

- Overweight and unhappy child, loved reading to pass the time.
- Went to a boarding school when he was eight.
- Knew he wanted to be a writer when he was eight.
- His mother bought him a human skull when he was 13 years old.
- He wrote his first books when he was 23 years old.
- Famous for [Foyle's War](#), a British TV show.



Margaret Peterson Haddix



- April 9th 1964
 - Washington Court House, Ohio
- <http://haddixbooks.com/home.html>
- Popular Books
 - Shadow Children Series
 - The Missing Series

Awards

- International Reading Association Children's Book Award
- the Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
- American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults Award
- The National Kids Award



Richard Peck

April 10, 1934

Decatur, Illinois

He has received many awards but received

The Newberry Award for

A Year Down Yonder

(Sequel to A Long Way from Chicago)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Peck_\(writer\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Peck_(writer))

<http://www.us.penguingroup.com/nf/Author/AuthorPage/0,,1000025091,00.html>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGWZ6p4scw8>

Was in the army, was a high school teacher and then a junior high school teacher.

When the author is not traveling, he works at an L-shaped desk, which affords a sunny window. He writes everything on an electric typewriter because "it has to be a book from the first day," he explains. He has no daily routine because of all the traveling he does, but follows a very disciplined writing process. He writes each page six times, then places it in a three-ring binder with a DePauw University cover ("a talisman," he calls this memento from his alma mater). When he feels that he has gotten a page just right, he takes out another 20 words. "After a year, I've come to the end. Then I'll take this first chapter, and without rereading it, I'll throw it away and write the chapter that goes at the beginning. Because the first chapter is the last chapter in disguise." He always hands in a completed manuscript, and his editor is his first reader.

David Adler

- Born April 10, 1947 in New York City.
- Married Renee Hamada in 1973
- Has four children: Michael, Deborah, Eitan, Eddie.
- Graduated Queens College in 1968 with a BA in economics and education and licenses to teach mathematics and history.
- He then worked for nine years as a New York City mathematics teacher.
- He began work on a PhD in marketing when inspiration struck and he wrote his first book, *A LITTLE AT A TIME* (Random House, 1976). He was inspired by his 3 year old nephew who constantly asked questions.
- Suddenly his focus changed from marketing to writing.



- When his first son Michael was born, he was inspired to write CAM JANSEN AND THE MYSTERY OF THE STOLEN DIAMONDS.
- As a math teacher he wrote a few math books for Thomas Y. Crowell, now a division of HarperCollins
- The Cam books have been translated into many languages including Spanish, Japanese, German, Swedish, Danish, Hebrew, and Korean
- David is also the author of the Picture Book Biography Series published by Holiday House, well researched, strictly non-fiction books for elementary school readers. In the series are biographies of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thurgood Marshall, Anne Frank, Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, and others. He has written a series of sports biographies including books on Lou Gehrig, Gertrude Ederle, Satchel Paige, Roy Campanella, and Joe Louis all published by Harcourt and Viking. He has also written older level biographies of Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Golda Meir.
- <http://www.davidaadler.com/index.htm>

Beverly Cleary

- Born April 12th, 1916
- Born in McMinnville, Oregon
- Then lived on a farm in Yamhill, a town so small there was no library
- She struggled with reading when she was young
- Once she conquered reading in 3rd grade she always had a book with her
- Website:
<http://www.beverlycleary.com/>





Books

- Romona Books
 - Romona Forever
 - Romona Quimby Age 8
- Ralph Books
 - Ralph & The Motorcycle
 - Ralph S. Mouse
- Beezus Books
 - Beezus & Ramona
 - Beezus & Henry
- Henry Books
 - Henry & The Paper Route
 - Henry & The Club House
- Ribsby
- Muggie Maggie
- Socks
- Ellen Tebbits
- Otis Spofford
- Emiy's Runaway Imagination
- Dear Mr. Henshaw
- Mitch & Amy
- Also has written Picture Books,
Young Love Books & Memoirs

Fun Facts

- Her books are based on experiences & things around her
- Won many different prestigious awards
- Won more than 25 statewide awards by young readers
- Named a "Living Legend" in 2000 by Library of Congress
- Her books appear in 20 different countries & 13 different languages

Lee Bennett Hopkins



- Born on April 13, 1938 in Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Graduated Kean University, Bank Street College of Education, and holds a Professional Diploma in Educational Supervision and Administration from Hunter College.
- In 1980 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Kean University.
- First experience with reading came through comic books and movie magazines. He performed well in high school English, but disliked and stumbled at other subjects.

- A list of his books:
 - *Alphathoughts: Alphabet Poems*
 - *City I Love* (Abrams, 2009), illustrated by jazz musician Marcellus Hall, starred in both PW and SLJ
 - *Full Moon and Star* (Abrams, 2011), also illustrated by Hall
 - *Mama: A Novel* (Boyds Mills Press) paperback
 - *Mama & Her Boys: A Novel* (Boyds Mills Press) paperback
- His award winning series of American History through poetry for children and young adults includes:
 - *Hand in Hand: An American History Through Poetry*, illustrated by Peter Fiore
 - *My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States*
 - *America At War*, both illustrated by Stephen Alcorn (all Simon & Schuster/McElderry Books)

<http://www.leebennetthopkins.com/>

“We spend too much time teaching children to read and not enough time teaching them to love to read.”

Gary D. Schmidt



April 14th 1957

Hicksville, NY

<http://www.hmhbooks.com/schmidt/>

Popular Books

- *The Wednesday Wars*
- *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*

Awards

2 Newbery

The Wednesday Wars

Lizzie Bright and the

Buckminster Boy

Michael L. Printz

Honor

Lizzie Bright and the

Buckminster Boy

Barbara Park

- Born April 21, 1947
- Born: Mount Holly Township, New Jersey
- Received over 40 Awards for her books including 25 Children's Choice Awards
- Earned a degree in Secondary Education and describes her student teaching experience as a "disaster".
- Favorite memories are the Beach Vacations with her family as a child.
- When Barbara is not writing she likes to eat frozen M&Ms
- Written Middle Grade Novels, Chapter books, and Picture books.
- Junie B. Jones , Illustrator, Denise Brunkus
- <http://juniebjones.com/>



Eileen Christelow

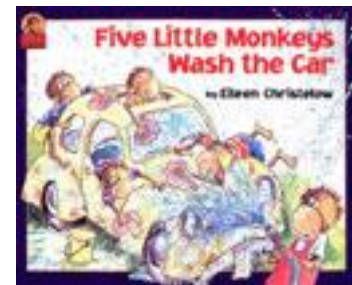
- Born April 22, 1943
- At age of 3 or 4, recurring dream she could read....but would awaken to find that she could not read
- Books have always been a part of her life.
- She remembers the pile of books by her father's chair and receiving books as gifts.
- As a child, she categorized her books and created her own library where she allowed her friends to "check out books" and charged late fees for overdue books.
- Reading to her daughter inspired her to write and illustrate children's books.
- <http://www.christelow.com/bio/index.html>



Eileen, working in studio



Eileen's Dog Maggie



William Shakespeare

- Born: April 23, 1564, He died on April 23, 1616.
- Born and lived in Stratford-upon-Avon
- Son of a prominent town official, Shakespeare was entitled to attend King Edward VI Grammar school in central Stratford
- Age of 18 married Ann Hathaway
- William and Ann had 3 children; 1 daughter and a set of twins; son died at age 11
- In his will he left all his property to his male heirs and as an afterthought bequeathed his “second-best bed” to his wife
- Widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language
- Works consist of 38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems, and several shorter poems



No name was inscribed on his gravestone in the chancel of the parish church of Stratford-upon-Avon. Instead these lines, possibly his own, appeared:

*Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear
To dig the dust enclosed here.
Blest be the man that spares these stones,
And curst be he that moves my bones.*

Patricia Reilly Giff



April 26th 1935

Brooklyn, NY

<http://www.randomhouse.com/features/patriciareillygiff>

Popular Books:

Polk Street School Series

- With Blanche Sims

Awards

Newbery Honor

- Pictures of Hollis Woods
- Lily's Crossing

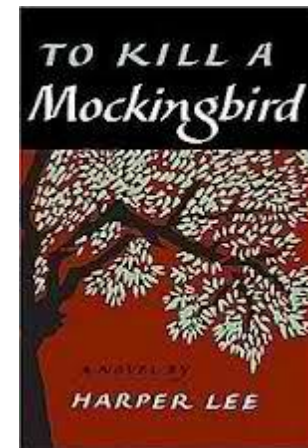
Harper Lee Info



- Born April 28, 1926
- Hometown-Monroeville, Alabama
- School-Huntington College, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Oxford University

Most Popular Book

- To Kill A Mockingbird
- In 1960 won Pulitzer Prize
- Lesson Plan Link



<http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/harper-lees-kill-mockingbird-profiles-courage>

It's a mystery!

- Ron Roy has written many mystery books
- He has authored the series Capital Mysteries & A-Z mysteries. His newest mystery series is called Calendar Mysteries.



Did you know?

- Ron Roy used to be a fourth grade teacher
- He sent his books to many different publishers & was rejected many times before finally having his book published
- His website has a page devoted to his dog Pal!
- He has a new book coming on August 28th that is a part of the Capital Mysteries series called *Turkey Trouble on the National Mall*

Ron Roy loves his fans

- Ron Roy loves to receive letters from his fans
- If you visit his website you can arrange a meeting with him at your school!
- This website also has great resources for students, teachers, and parents
- <http://www.ronroy.com/index.php>