

# Hayao Miyazaki

## What they created

- Hayao Miyazaki is a **Japanese animator, director, and storyteller**
- He is best known for creating magical animated films through **Studio Ghibli**
- His films often feature **strong girls, nature, flying, and fantasy creatures**
- Famous films include:
  - *My Neighbour Totoro* 🌳 🐾
  - *Spirited Away* 🧜 🐉
  - *Howl's Moving Castle* 🏰 ✨
  - *Ponyo* 🐟 🌊



## 👤 Childhood

- Born in **Tokyo, Japan** in **1941**
- Grew up during **World War II**, which influenced his stories
- Loved **drawing planes, tanks, and flying machines**
- Inspired by **manga (Japanese comics)** from a young age
- His father worked for an **aeroplane parts factory**

## 🎓 Education

- Studied **political science and economics** at **Gakushuin University**
- Continued learning by **self-studying animation and storytelling**
- Joined a **manga club** at university and practised drawing characters
- Learned animation techniques while **working in studios** rather than at art school

## ✏️ Career

- Started as an **in-between artist** at Toei Animation in the 1960s

- Co-founded **Studio Ghibli** in 1985 with Isao Takahata
- Directed some of the **most loved animated films in the world**
- *Spirited Away* won an **Academy Award for Best Animated Feature**
- Known for **hand-drawn animation** and detailed backgrounds
- Retired multiple times... but always came back to create more films!

## 🗨️ Quotes

“Many of my movies have strong female leads – brave, self-sufficient girls that don’t think twice about fighting for what they believe in.”

“We get strength and encouragement from watching children.”

“I would like to make a film to tell children ‘it’s good to be alive’.”

“I try to dig deep into the well of my own memories and bring them to life.”

## 🎨 Art



My neighbour Totoro

Princess Mononoko



Shuna’s journey

