

Beatrix Potter

Beatrix Potter was an English writer, illustrator, and conservationist. She is best known for creating **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** and other animal stories loved by children around the world. Her books are famous for their gentle storytelling and beautiful watercolour illustrations.



Childhood

- Born on **28 July 1866** in **London, England**
- Full name: **Helen Beatrix Potter**
- Grew up in a wealthy family with a governess instead of going to school
- Loved animals from a young age and kept pets like rabbits, mice, and hedgehogs
- Enjoyed sketching animals and nature during holidays in the countryside

Education

- Did not go to a regular school – was **taught at home by a governess**
- Studied nature and art on her own, especially fungi, plants, and animals
- Took **art lessons**, especially in watercolours
- Learned scientific drawing and became skilled at painting fungi and flowers

Career

- Started as a **scientific illustrator**, drawing detailed pictures of mushrooms and lichens
- Wrote and illustrated **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** in 1902 – it became a huge success!
- Created more than **20 children's books**, including:
 - *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*
 - *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
 - *The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle*

- Designed her own **merchandise** like toys and games based on her characters
- Later in life, she became a **farmer and conservationist**, buying land to protect the countryside

Quotes

“There is something delicious about writing the first words of a story. You never quite know where they'll take you.”

“Thank goodness I was never sent to school; it would have rubbed off some of the originality.”

“I hold that a strongly marked personality can influence descendants for generations.”

Art

