Are you reading Beverly Cleary or Judy Blume?

Here’s how to find out:

**Known Titles**
- Ramona series, Socks, Fifteen, Henry Huggins

**First Publication**
- Henry Huggins (1950)

**Most Recent Publication**
- Ramona’s World (1999)

**Literary Style**
- Humorous, Whimsical, Nostalgic

**Why is she famous**
- For introducing the everlasting character of Ramona, the mischievous 8-year-old who is still popular with 1st graders. Creating humorous scenes in her books that everybody remembers, i.e. Ramona squirting the entire tube of toothpaste into the sink.

**Iconic Characters**
- Ramona Quimby, Socks the cat, Beezus Quimby

**Age Group(s)**
- 0-12

**Year Born**
- 1916

**Places Lived**
- Portland, OR; Carmel, CA

**Literary Inspiration**
- Worked as a children’s librarian, met a boy who wished there were more funny books about families; “From my own experience and the from the world around me.”;
- “The Dutch Twins” by Lucy Pitch Perkins

**Iconic Soundbite**
- “Children don’t have the freedom to run around as I did.”

**Library Advocacy**
- Her birthday is “Drop Everything and Read” day;
- Worked as children’s librarian

**What is she up to now**
- Turned 100; Lives in a retirement home in Northern CA, hangs out with her family.

**Literary Contemporaries**
- Kay Thompson, Roald Dahl, E.B. White, Astrid Lindgren

**Fun Fact:**
- Neither one of these authors wrote The Baby-Sitters Club (Ann M. Martin) or Sweet Valley High (Francine Pascal).

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**Known Titles**
- Are You There God, It’s Me Margaret?, Fudge series, Forever, Tiger Eyes

**First Publication**
- The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo (1969)

**Most Recent Publication**
- In the Unlikely Event (2015)

**Literary Style**
- Reflective, Emotional, Humorous, Issue oriented

**Why is she famous**
- For teaching kids and teens about menstruation, sex, racism, divorce, and other hazards of growing up.
- For having her books banned over and over again.

**Iconic Characters**
- Fudge, Deenie, Margaret, Sally J. Freedman

**Age Group(s)**
- 6-Adult

**Year Born**
- 1938

**Places Lived**
- New Jersey, New York, Martha’s Vineyard, Key West

**Literary Inspiration**
- Beverly Cleary; Philip Roth

**Iconic Soundbite**
- “Parents are getting even more cuckoo.”

**Library Advocacy**
- Member of National Coalition Against Censorship; Speaks across the country about intellectual freedom and censorship;
- Has published books of letters written to her and stories by censored authors.

**What is she up to now**
- Published “In the Unlikely Event”; owns and works at bookstore in Key West

**Literary Contemporaries**
- Norma Klein; Norma Fox Mazer; Cynthia Voigt; Paula Danziger; Paul Zindel