

ARE YOU READING

BEVERLY CLEARY OR JUDY BLUME?



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 Fitch 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

HERE'S HOW TO FIND OUT



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

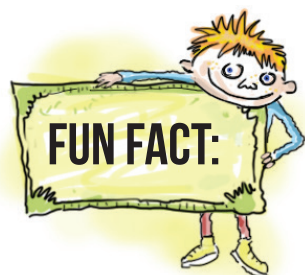
Member of National Coalition Against Censorship; Speaks across the country about intellectual freedom and censorship; Has published books of letters written to her and stories by censored authors.

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



NEITHER ONE OF THESE AUTHORS WROTE THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB (ANN M. MARTIN) OR SWEET VALLEY HIGH (FRANCINE PASCAL).