

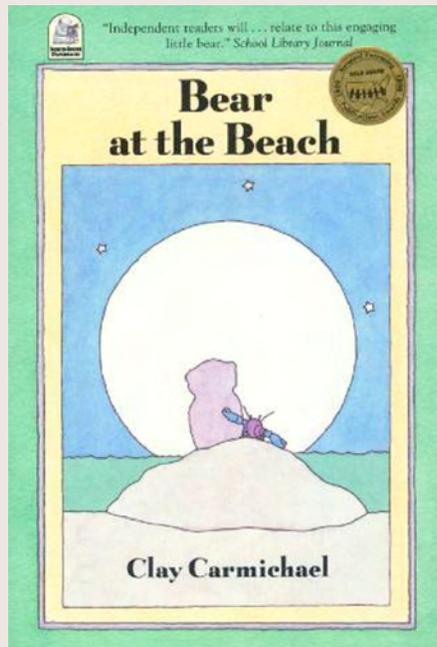
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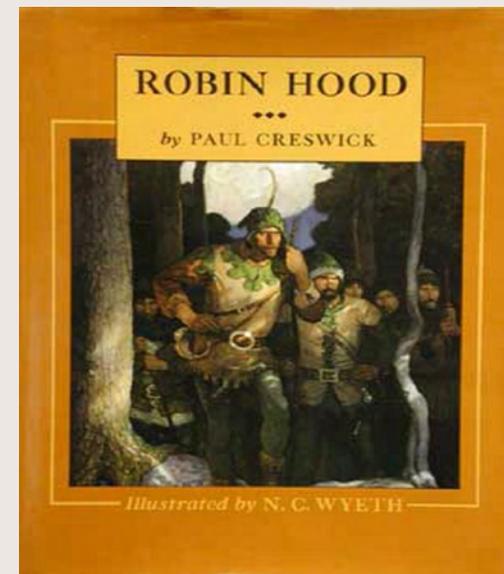
LOVED AS KIDS

# Clay Carmichael



**Robin Hood was my hero. He was smart, helped the helpless, stood up to tyrants and wielded a bow and arrow *and* a sword.**

**Books like Robin Hood were my kid-sized doorways into other worlds. I rushed through them, visiting the strange places beyond. I warmed myself by fires in Sherwood Forest, ate charred game from a spit and partied till dawn with outlaws. I saved lost kids and animals; slew dragons, witches and idiot kings. I found treasures and adventures far more interesting to me than any in my own life and, at day's end, I imported the hearts and souls of these adventures into my ever-widening real world. I still do.**



# *Frances O'Roark Dowell*



I was born in West Berlin and brought into the world by a German doctor with a dueling scar running down his cheek.



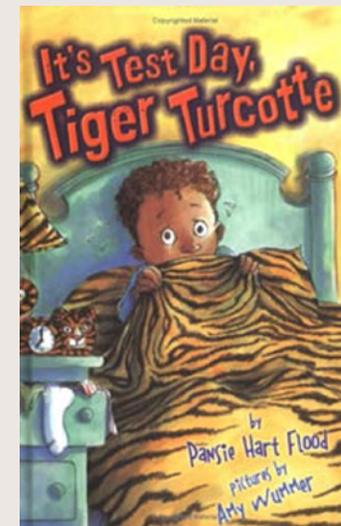
# Pansie Flood



My favorite childhood book is *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. *Charlotte's Web* attracted me because I love piglets and I love everything involved with county and/or state fairs.



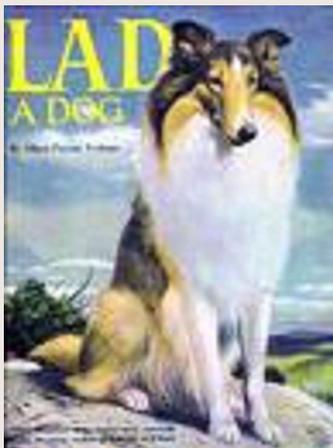
Who knew?  
I love to talk like a baby. I have a dream of one day being the voice of a character in an animated movie.



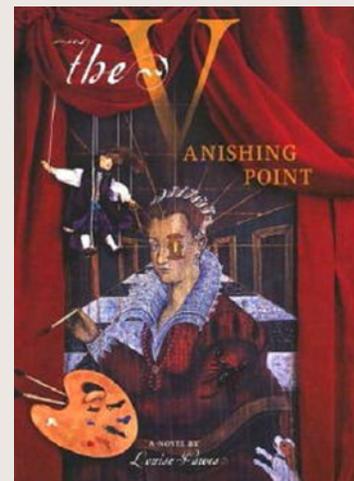
# Louise Hawes



I spent hours weeping over the travails of the canine hero in *Lad, a Dog*. I still remember promising myself, "Some day I will make people cry like this!"



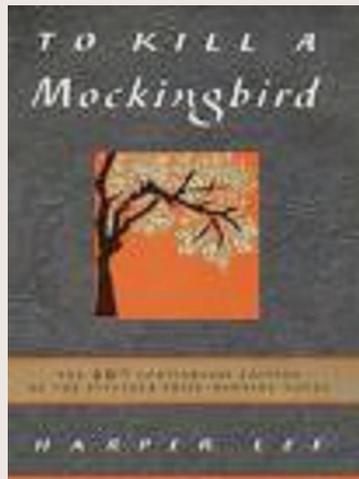
Who knew?  
I'm allergic to chocolate! Valentine's Day is *not* my favorite holiday!



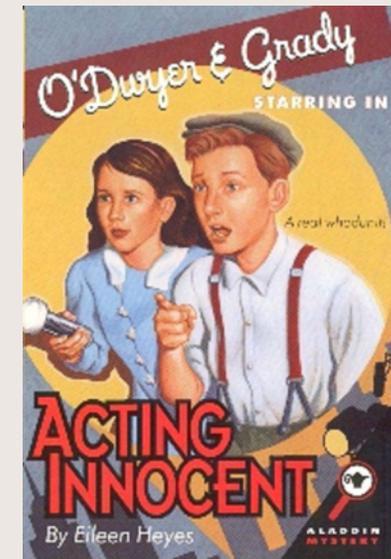
# Eileen Heyes



**I love Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird." Through Scout's innocent eyes, we see the many shades of injustice – and the spectrum of kindness – that color our lives.**



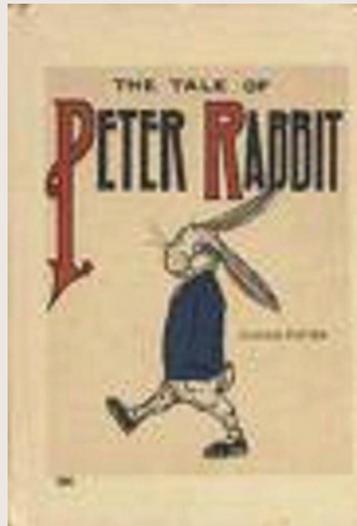
**Who knew?  
I played an 8-year-old serial killer at our local theater when I was 10:  
Rhoda in "The Bad Seed."  
And I still love the stage.**



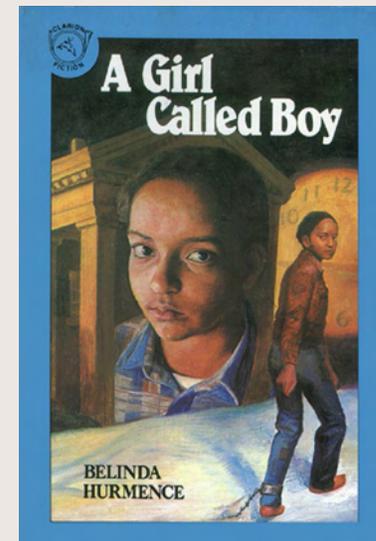
# Belinda Hurmence



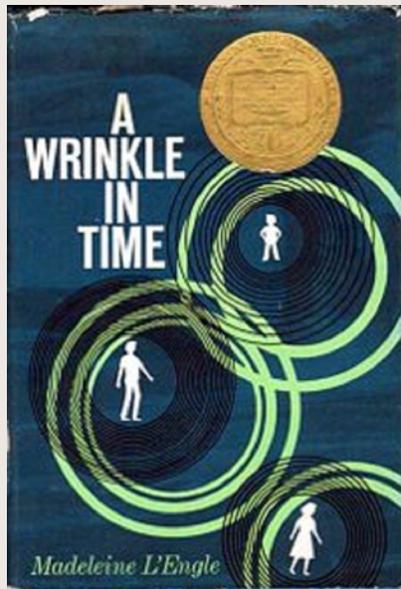
I won Beatrix Potter's *Peter Rabbit* as a prize for writing in first grade. My career wandered after that, like Peter in Mr. McGregor's garden—"not very fast and looking all around."



An award in high school gained me a meeting with Eleanor Roosevelt in the White House. Haven't been asked back for awhile, but I'm still looking all around.



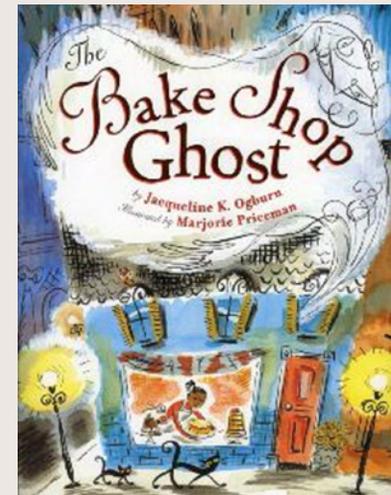
# Jacqueline Ogburn



Oh, how I felt like [L'Engle's] Meg, unlovely, stubborn and distracted, with glasses, but not nearly so brave. I still have the sense that things are not quite what they seem, and that something marvelous is just around the corner, usually in a book.

Who Knew?

I'm very left-handed. I write, listen on the phone with my left ear, kick with my left foot, but I bat and play the guitar right-handed.



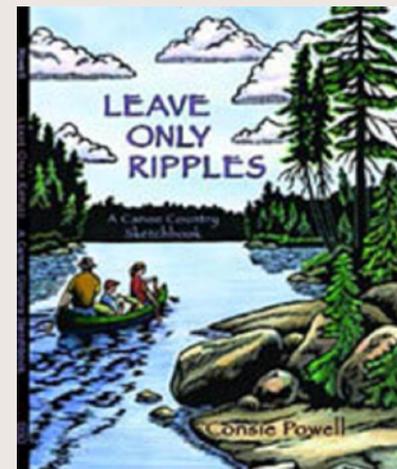
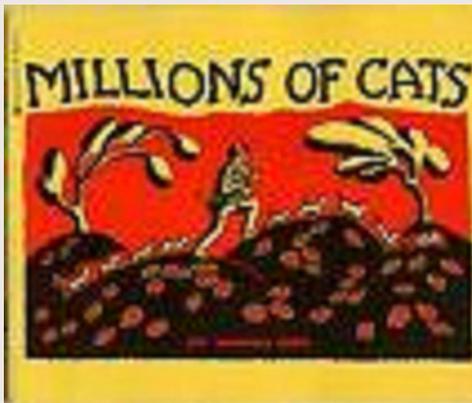
# Consie Powell



Time and again, I found a quiet corner and settled in to pour over Wanda Gag's *Millions of Cats*. Those cats somehow spoke to me.



Who knew?  
I've shared my home and life with dogs, cats, toads, lizards, snakes, mice, weasels, fishers, porcupines and countless household spiders.

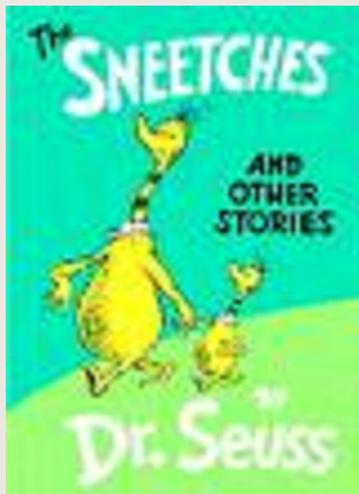




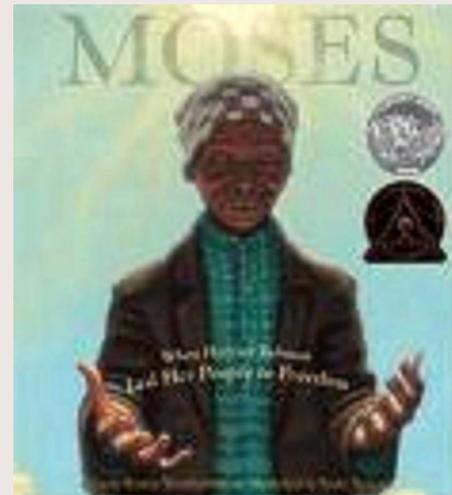
# *Carole Boston Weatherford*



**I loved anything Seuss, but especially “The Sneetches.” With an egalitarian message, the fable was especially relevant during the Civil Rights era.**



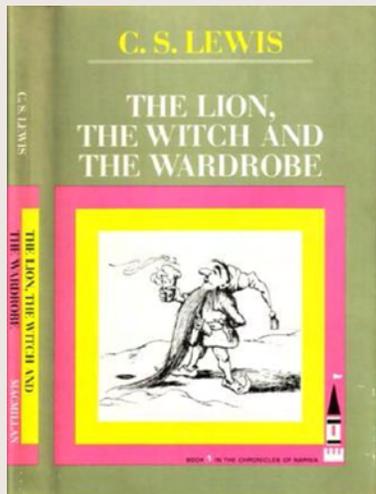
**Who knew?  
After college, I worked as a fashion designer, creating costumes for a band that toured with Earth, Wind and Fire.**



# Frances M. Wood

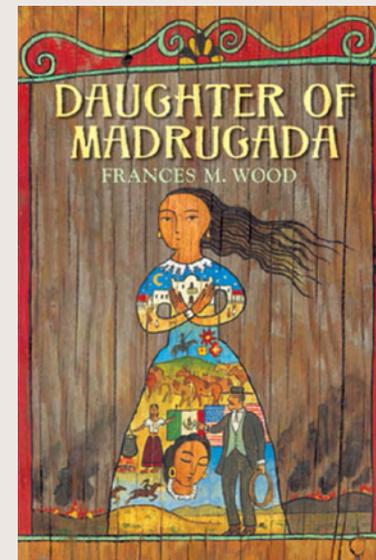


I was probably seven or eight when our local librarian recommended *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. I opened the cover, and my entire life changed.



**Who Knew?**

My mother was Mexican, and almost as blonde as I am. In my second language, we are sometimes called '*las gueritas*'.



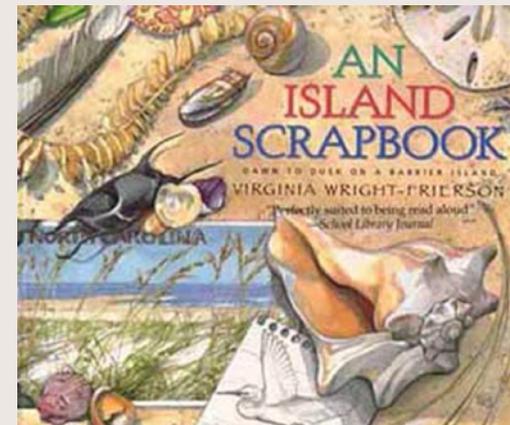
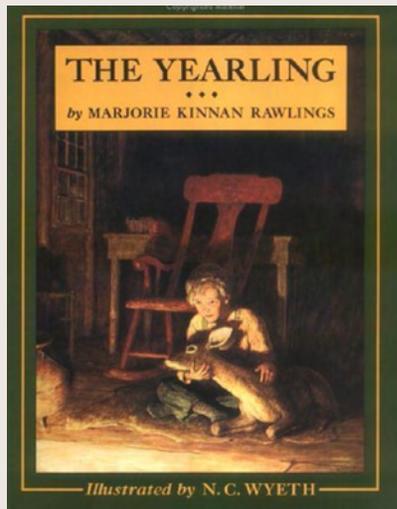
# Virginia Wright-Frierson



The Yearling was my favorite book as a child. It was so heartbreaking, but taught an important lesson. I still like to read fiction that makes me cry!

Who knew?

My latest project was building a tribute to artist Minnie Evans in a public park. It is made of cement and thousands of colored bottles. You can see it on my website—  
<http://home.att.net/~vmwf/>





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