

Children's Literature

Here are some of the most popular authors of children's literature in English.

	Children's literature authors	Well-known books
1.	<p>Dr Seuss, aka Theodor Seuss Geisel (1904-1991), American</p> <p>Dr Seuss' picture books have creative illustrations and stories written in rhyming verse.</p> <p>www.seussville.com </p>	<p><i>Horton Hears a Who!</i> (1954) is a story that promotes an awareness of others.</p> <p><i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas!</i> (1957) is a story that addresses greed and materialism.</p> <p><i>The Sneetches</i> (1961) is a story that deals with racial discrimination.</p>
2.	<p>Shel Silverstein (1932-1999), American</p> <p>Silverstein's stories, poems and illustrations are funny and philosophical.</p> <p>www.shelsilverstein.com </p>	<p><i>The Giving Tree</i> (1967) explores the theme of giving freely with no strings attached.</p> <p><i>The Missing Piece</i> (1976) deals with the theme of achieving happiness and fulfillment.</p> <p><i>The Missing Piece Meets the Big O</i> (1981) is a sequel to <i>The Missing Piece</i>.</p>
3.	<p>Michael Morpurgo (1943-), British</p> <p>Morpurgo collaborates with illustrator Michael Foreman to bring classic stories from English literature to life for children. He has also worked with Rosemary Sandberg on the <i>Kingfisher Treasury of Classic Stories</i> (2002) and illustrator Emma Chichester Clark on <i>The Orchard Book of Aesop's Fables</i> (2004). He is also well known for his modern stories for children.</p> <p>www.michaelmorpurgo.com </p>	<p><i>Robin of Sherwood</i> (1996)</p> <p><i>Arthur, High King of Britain</i> (2002)</p> <p><i>The Sleeping Sword</i> (2002)</p> <p><i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> (2004)</p> <p><i>Beowulf</i> (2006)</p> <p><i>Muck and Magic: Stories from the Countryside</i> (1995) and <i>More Muck and Magic: Stories from the Countryside</i> (2001) are two collections of stories with rural settings and themes illustrated by Quentin Blake.</p>
4.	<p>Chris Van Allsburg (1949-), American</p> <p>Van Allsburg's picture books depict supernatural events, explore the darker side of human nature and often end with an ironic twist.</p> <p>www.chrisvanallsburg.com </p>	<p><i>The Garden of Abdul Gasazi</i> (1979) is a fantasy story about a supernatural garden</p> <p><i>Jumanji</i> (1981) is a fantasy story about a supernatural Christmas gift</p> <p><i>The Polar Express</i> (1985) is a Christmas fantasy adventure story.</p> <p><i>The Stranger</i> (1986) is a fantasy story involving a farmer and a very strange visitor.</p> <p><i>The Sweetest Fig</i> (1993) is a fantasy story about a greedy dentist who gets his just dessert.</p>

5.	<p>Jon Scieszka (1954-), American</p> <p>Scieszka collaborates with illustrator Lane Smith to create picture books with 'fractured' fairy tales told from a different point of view.</p> <p>www.jsworldwide.com</p> 	<p><i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i> (1989) is written from the point of view of the wolf.</p> <p><i>The Frog Prince Continued</i> (1991) is a 'fractured' sequel to <i>The Frog Prince</i> fairy tale.</p> <p><i>The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Fairytales</i> (1992).</p>
6.	<p>Paul Jennings (1918-1989), Australian</p> <p>Jennings' short stories for children depict strange and unusual events that always end with an unexpected twist.</p> <p>www.pauljennings.com.au</p> 	<p><i>Thirteen Unpredictable Tales</i> (1997)</p> <p><i>Unseen</i> (2000)</p> <p><i>Tongue Tied</i> (2002)</p>

Here are a few other popular story books from children's literature:

The Tale of Peter Rabbit (1902) by Beatrix Potter

The Little Engine that Could (1930) by Watty Piper

Little Pear (1931) by Eleanor Francis Lattimore

The Story of Ferdinand (1936) by Munro Leaf

Madeline (1939) by Ludwig Bemelmans

Curious George (1941) by Margret and H. A. Rey

Where the Wild Things Are (1963) by Maurice Sendak

Frog and Toad are Friends (1970) by Arnold Lobel

The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks (1990) by Katherine Paterson

Fly Away Home (1991) by Eve Bunting