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Great Authors: Cynthia Rylant

Looking for some great books to read? Want to find an author that writes different books for different interests, age groups, and reading levels?

Few have written as many great children's books as Cynthia Rylant. This award-winning author can help keep a child reading for years. She writes for emerging readers, beginning readers, middle-age readers, and even teens. She writes fiction and nonfiction. She even has an autobiography. Please take a look at this listing of some of Ms. Rylant's great children's books:

Picture Books

- When I Was Young in the Mountains (1982)
- Miss Maggie (1983)
- This Year's Garden (1984)
- The Relatives Came (1985)
- Night in the Country (1986)
- Birthday Presents (1987)
- All I See (1988)
- Mr. Griggs' Work (1989)
- Soda Jerk (1990)
- Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds (1991)
- An Angel for Solomon Singer (1992)
- Best Wishes (1992)
- The Dreamer (1993)
- Everyday Pets (1993)
- Everyday Town (1993)
- Dog Heaven (1995)
- The Bookshop Dog (1996)
- The Whales (1996)
- The Old Woman Who Named Things (1996)
- Cat Heaven (1997)
- The Blue Hill Meadows (1997)
- An Everyday Book (1997)

Meet Cynthia Rylant

Cynthia Rylant grew up in West Virginia and loved comic books, cats and dogs, pajama parties, and the Beatles. Like most kids, she played with dolls, rode bikes, and had fun outside. She didn't write. Today, she believes that all the playing she did as a child is what helped her become a great writer. She loves animals and writes about them in many of her books. Her favorite books are those with pictures. Ms. Rylant says that good picture books "glow in your hand, and they never get boring."

She loves being a writer because she enjoys helping people, sharing stories about life, and leaving the world a little better place. Ms. Rylant believes we can all choose to make the world a more beautiful place. We can all be artists of some type whether we are writing, singing, planting flowers, cooking, playing, or taking care of animals.

Rylant has received many awards and honors for her work. *A Fine White Dust* (1987) won a Newbery Honor, and *Missing May* (1993) won a Newbery Medal. *When I Was Young in the Mountains* (1982) and *The Relatives Came* (1985), received the ALSC Caldecott Award. *The Relatives Came* and *Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds* (1991) are each Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor Books, as is *Missing May*, which deals with the loss of a loved one. *A Kindness* (1988), *Soda Jerk* (1990), and *A Couple of Kooks and Other Stories about Love* (1990) have each been named a "Best Book of the Year for Young Adults" by the American Library Association.

- Scarecrow (1998)
- The Cookie-Store Cat (1998)
- Tulip Sees America (1998)
- Bear Day (1998)
- The Bird House (1998)
- Bless Us All: A Child's Yearbook of Blessings (1998)
- Bunny Bungalow (1999)
- Give Me Grace: A Child's Daybook of Prayers (1999)
- The Wonderful Happens (2000)
- In November (2000)
- The Great Gracie Chase: Stop That Dog! (2001)
- The Ticky-Tacky Doll (2002)
- Let's Go Home: The Wonderful Things About a House (2002)
- Christmas in the Country (2002)
- Moonlight: The Halloween Cat (2003)
- Long Night Moon (2004)
- If You'll Be My Valentine (2004)
- The Stars Will Still Shine (2005)
- The Journey: Stories of Migration (2006)
- Puppies and Piggies (2007)

- Alligator Boy (2007)
- Baby Face: A Book of Love for Baby (2008)
- Snow (2008)

Chapter Books

- Some Year for Ellie (1986)
- The Van Gogh Cafe (1995)
- Boris (2005)
- Walt Disney: Cinderella (2007)

Poetry/Short Story Collections

- Waiting to Waltz (poems) (1984)
- Every Living Thing (1985)
- Children of Christmas: Stories for the Season (1987)
- Silver Packages (1987)
- A Couple of Kooks and Other Stories About Love (1990)
- Something Permanent (poems) (1994)
- Thimbleberry Stories (2000)
- You Don't Have to Walk: Pet Stories (2000) (with Marc Tolon Brown, Syd Hoff)

- Good Morning, Sweetie Pie: And Other Poems for Little Children (poems) (2001)

Novels

- A Blue-eyed Daisy (1985)
- A Fine White Dust (1986)
- A Kindness (1988)
- Missing May (1992)
- I Had Seen Castles (1993)
- The Islander (1998)
- Gooseberry Park (1998)
- The Heavenly Village (1999)
- Old Town in the Green Groves: Laura Ingalls Wilder's Lost Little House Years (2002)
- Ludie's Life (2006)

Series

Henry & Mudge

1. The First Book (1987)
2. Puddle Trouble (1987)
3. The Green Time (1987)
4. Under the Yellow Moon (1987)
5. The Sparkle Days (1988)
6. The Forever Sea (1989)
7. Get the Cold Shivers (1989)
8. The Happy Cat (1990)
9. The Bedtime Thumps (1991)
10. Take the Big Test (1991)
11. The Long Weekend (1992)
12. The Wild Wind (1993)
13. The Careful Cousin (1994)
14. The Best Day of All (1995)
15. The Family Trees (1997)
16. The Starry Night (1998)
17. Annie's Good Move (1998)
18. The Snowman Plan (1999)
19. Annie's Perfect Pet (2000)
20. Best Friends (2001)
21. Days with Henry & Mudge (2001)
22. Seasons with Henry & Mudge (2001)
23. Summer Fun (2001)
24. The Tall Tree House (2002)
25. The Wild Goose Chase (2003)
26. The Funny Lunch (2004)
27. A Very Merry Christmas (2004)
28. The Great Grandpas (2005)

29. The Tumbling Trip (2005)
30. The Big Sleepover (2006)

Mr. Putter & Tabby

1. Bake the Cake (1994)
2. Pour the Tea (1994)
3. Walk the Dog (1994)
4. Pick the Pears (1995)
5. Fly the Plane (1997)
6. Row the Boat (1997)
7. Take the Train (1998)
8. Toot the Horn (1998)
9. Paint the Porch (2000)
10. Feed the Fish (2001)
11. Catch the Cold (2002)
12. Stir the Soup (2003)
13. Write the Book (2004)
14. Make a Wish (2005)
15. Spin the Yarn (2006)
16. See the Stars (2007)
17. Run the Race (2008)
18. Drive the Car (2009)
19. Spill the Beans (2009)
20. Run the Race (Jan 2010)

Poppleton

1. Poppleton (1997)
2. Poppleton and Friends (1997)
3. Poppleton Everyday (1998)
4. Poppleton Forever (1998)
5. Poppleton in Fall (1999)
6. Poppleton in Spring (1999)
7. Poppleton Has Fun (2000)
8. Poppleton in Winter (2001)

Cobble Street Cousins

1. In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen (1998)
2. A Little Shopping (1998)
3. Some Good News (1999)
4. Special Gifts (1999)
5. Summer Party (2001)
6. Wedding Flowers (2002)
7. In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen / A Little Shopping (2004)

High-Rise Private Eyes

1. The Case of the Missing Monkey (2000)
2. The Case of the Climbing Cat (2000)
3. The Case of the Puzzling Possum (2001)
4. The Case of the Troublesome Turtle (2001)

5. The Case of the Sleepy Sloth (2002)
6. The Case of the Fidgety Fox (2003)
7. The Case of the Baffled Bear (2004)
8. The Case of the Desperate Duck (2005)

Little Whistle

1. Little Whistle (2001)
2. Little Whistle's Dinner Party (2001)
3. Little Whistle's Medicine (2002)
4. Little Whistle's Christmas (2003)

Lighthouse Family

1. The Eagle (2002)
2. The Storm (2002)
3. The Whale (2003)
4. The Octopus (2005)
5. The Turtle (2005)

Puppy Mudge

1. Takes a Bath (2002)
2. Has a Snack (2003)
3. Finds a Friend (2004)
4. Loves His Blanket (2004)
5. Wants to Play (2005)

Annie and Snowball

1. Annie and Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday (2007)
2. Annie and Snowball and the Prettiest House (2007)
3. Annie and Snowball and the Teacup Club (2008)
4. Annie and Snowball and the Cozy Nest (2009)
5. Annie and Snowball and the Shining Star (2009)

Nonfiction

- Write Idea! Teachers Planning Guide (1993)
- Margaret, Frank, and Andy: Three Writers' Stories (1996)
- A Story of E. B. White (1996)
- A Story of L. Frank Baum (1996)
- A Story of Margaret Wise Brown
- The World of Horror (2007)

Autobiography

- But I'll Be Back Again; An Album (1989)