

Here are twenty facts about Beatrix Potter, the English author and illustrator.

- Beatrix Potter was born on 28th July 1866 in South Kensington, London.
- Her family were wealthy and Beatrix had a very comfortable childhood.
- When they were children, Beatrix and her brother Bertram kept several small animals as pets. At various points they had mice, rabbits and a hedgehog.
- One of her rabbits was called Benjamin Bouncer.
- When she was fourteen, Beatrix started to keep a diary. She added entries in code and recorded her opinions on places she had visited and things she had seen. She added lots of illustrations and descriptions of nature.
- Beatrix Potter was fascinated by nature. She was a keen botanist, she collected fossils, and she became very good at drawing fungi.
- She was an avid reader and in her youth she was inspired by many books, including: *The Water Babies* by [Charles Kingsley](#), [Edward Lear's Book of Nonsense](#), *Alice in Wonderland* by [Lewis Carroll](#) and the *Brer Rabbit* stories by Joel Chandler Harris.
- When she went on holiday to Scotland or the [Lake District](#), Beatrix Potter used to send illustrated letters to the children of her former governess, Annie Carter. In one letter (dated September 1893) Beatrix Potter tells a story of four rabbits called Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and Peter. This letter formed the basis of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, published in 1902.
- Beatrix Potter published 23 books in the *Tales* series.
- In 1921 *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* was published in braille.
- Beatrix Potter was a very smart business woman. She realised that readers of her animal books would buy other items related to the stories. She designed and produced a Peter Rabbit doll, and gave her permission for other items to be made, such as: board games, tea-sets, wall-paper and figurines.
- In 1905 Beatrix Potter bought Hill Top Farm in the Lake District.
- Beatrix Potter married William Heelis on 15th October 1913.
- She loved living in the country and she became heavily involved in rural village life. She was particularly interested in breeding Herdwick sheep.
- In 1943, Beatrix Potter was elected President of the Herdwick Sheepbreeder's Association. Unfortunately, she passed away before she could take on the role.
- Beatrix Potter died on 22nd December 1943 from pneumonia.
- In her will she left all of her property to the National Trust. This included sixteen farms, many cottages and over 4000 acres of land.
- *Miss Potter* a biopic of Beatrix Potter's life was released in 2006, starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor.
- She set up a Nursing Trust for villages in the Lake District.
- In 1946, Hill Top Farm was opened to the public by the National Trust.

Books by Beatrix Potter

Beatrix Potter wrote 23 books in the *Tales* series.

- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*
- *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*
- *The Tailor of Gloucester*
- *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*
- *The Tale of Two Bad Mice*
- *The Tale of Mrs Tiggly-Winkle*
- *The Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher*
- *The Story of A Fierce Bad Rabbit*
- *The Story of Miss Moppet*
- *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
- *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*
- *The Tale of Samuel Whiskers*
- *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies*
- *The Tale of Ginger and Pickles*
- *The Tale of Mrs. Tittlemouse*
- *The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes*
- *The Tale of Mr. Tod*
- *The Tale of Pigling Bland*
- *Appley Dapply's Nursery Rhymes*
- *The Tale of Johnny Town-Mouse*
- *Cecily Parsely's Nursery Rhymes*
- *The Tale of Little Pig Robinson*

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