



Children's Authors and Illustrators: Biography and Review Sources

Children's Book Illustration and Design, 2 vols. (CCM Ref 741.64 C536)

Features over 100 contemporary picture book illustrators who have, in some way, changed the face of children's picture books. Entries include a brief career history, samples of work, and the illustration media used.

Something About the Author (SATA): (CCM Ref PN451 .S6)

Browse through these volumes to locate material about authors and illustrators. Entries contain personal information, career histories, listings of works and awards, examples of illustrations, review sources, and a works cited. To research a specific individual, choose the most recent volume with an index. Library has beginning with v. 1 (1976).

Children's Literature Review (CLR): (CCM Ref PN 1009 .A1 C5139)

Each volume of this continuous series profiles authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults. Comprehensive entries include information regarding awards and prizes. Also included are biographical facts relating to the artist's literary career. Find here reprints of reviews from sources such as the *NY Times Book Review*, *Horn Book*, *Junior Bookshelf*, and *Publishers Weekly*. Library has beginning with v. 1 (1976) and it is available online through PantherCat.

Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books: A Biographical Dictionary (CCM Ref 920 R755b 1999; or 1992 ed.: CCM Prof 920 R755b)

This source contains biographical sketches and bibliographies of books written and/or illustrated by selected Black authors. The appendix identifies the Coretta Scott King Award recipients as well as Black winners of Newbery and Caldecott honors.

Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books: Writings on Their Lives and Works

(CCM Ref 741.64 H711a)

An older resource (1972) containing short biographical sketches and compiled articles highlighting authors and author/illustrators of children's books. Though the text and cited material is somewhat dated, a number of distinguished, well-known individuals are included (i.e. Beverly Cleary, Dr. Seuss, Ezra Jack Keats, Maurice Sendak, etc.).

Eighth Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators: latest ed : (CCM) Ref 741.64 E34; or 6th ed.: Ref 741.64 S625)

Entries include autobiographical or biographical sketches of children's authors and illustrators, and a selected title list. Also provided are a few reviews from such periodicals as *Horn Book* and *Something About the Author*.

Areas to browse in the Curriculum Library:

- ✓ CCM Reference shelves, from 701 to 741.64.
- ✓ CCM Professional Collection, 921, where you will find biographies of children's book authors. Each book contains a comprehensive study of the life and work of an author or illustrator.
- ✓ CCM juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction shelves.

PantherCat:

To locate books, use the online catalog, PantherCat:

Search for books *about* the author or illustrator by selecting the **Subject Heading (Keyword)** option.

Search for books *by* the author or illustrator by selecting the **Author/Editor/Composer** option.

For either search, type in the author or illustrator's last name first: **yolen jane**.

**The following library indexes and databases are available from all library workstations.
For information regarding access from outside the library, ask a librarian.**

Contemporary Authors

Features in-depth information on the lives and writings of over 130,000 U.S. and international authors along with reviews of their works.

TeachingBooks.net

Dates vary; information on children's literature authors, activities, discussion guides, and related links.

Academic Search (EBSCOhost)

This database will direct you to reviews and other articles from periodicals and scholarly journals. In some cases, full text articles are available. For the most complete search, check the following databases before you begin your search:

- ✓ Academic Search Elite
- ✓ MasterFILE Premier
- ✓ Middle Search Plus
- ✓ Primary Search
- ✓ ERIC

Art Full Text (WilsonWEB)

Provides access to information on illustrators found in commercial and fine arts periodicals. For a broad search that will also include articles from library and education periodicals, check the following databases:

- ✓ Library Lit & Inf Full Text
- ✓ Education Full Text
- ✓ Readers' Guide Full Text

Biography and Genealogy Master Index

Indexes current, readily available reference sources, as well as the most important retrospective works that cover individuals, both living and deceased, from every field of activity and from all areas of the world. BGMI only indexes works containing multiple biographies; it does not index periodical articles or biographical books about a single individual.

The following Internet sites provide information and/or links to material concerning authors and illustrators.

Authors & Illustrators on the Web: <http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/authors.html>

Fairrosa Cyber Library of Children's Literature: <http://www.fairrosa.info/>

ALA Suggested Online Children's Literature Resources:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2000/jul/childrensliterature.cfm>

UW-Madison's Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC):

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/>



What is the use of a book without pictures or conversations?

Lewis Carroll