

BRaille READING PASSAGES: WORKSHOP 10

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Beatrix Potter was born in Kensington, London in 1866. She grew up in a close family that included her parents and her brother.

From an early age, Beatrix loved drawing and making accurate paintings of rabbits, mice, ducks, and lizards. She did not attend school but showed early success in art with her art teacher.

The Potter family went to Scotland each summer, and Beatrix studied nature as a child. She was affected by walking the beaches and the rugged bluffs of the lake area, but her favorite hobby was drawing the different creatures she saw in the garden. She was given a pet rabbit, and she drew him nibbling on cabbage, broccoli, eggplant, and other veggies. Beatrix drew a stubborn duck ruffling her feathers then rubbing the wings of her offspring to clean them, and a snake zigging and zagging near a stream. She wrote a story of each creature she drew.

Beatrix created The Tale of Peter Rabbit, a story of a fluffy brown rabbit who sneaked into a nearby farm by squeezing by the gate. When her earliest stories were rejected by publishers, Beatrix decided to publish The Tale of Peter Rabbit on her own in 1901. It was soon accepted as a best seller.

Beatrix was a notable botanical illustrator and juggled the study of fungi art with her creative art. She wrote a scientific paper on fungi spores but, as a woman, was unable to present or publish it. Scientists still recognize the accuracy of her research.

Beatrix was wise to patent and license all of her stories and items she created. She was a success at registering trademarks for a stuffed Peter Rabbit doll, tea set, and fluffy warm bedroom slippers. Beatrix searched the lake area and purchased fifteen farms that she helped run. Beatrix later put the land into a trust for future visitors to enjoy the nature that she so loved. She bred fluffy Herdwick sheep and won a number of prizes at local sheep shows. She became the first female president of the Herwick Sheep Breeders Assoc. just prior to her death in 1943.

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