Robert Munsch was born in Pennsylvania but now lives in Canada. He was never a good student as a child, but he always loved writing funny poems!

He soon discovered that he loved telling stories. Even now, when he has an idea for a story, he tells it to an audience. He spends up to three years telling his stories and making them better before he writes them for a book!
Jan Brett lives in a seacoast town in Massachusetts. As a child, she knew she wanted to be an illustrator! She has always loved animals and had lots of pets. This is why you will find most of her books are about animals.

The illustrations in her books have lots of details that often tell you even more about the story!
Patricia Polacco was born in Michigan. The time she spent on her grandparents’ farm in Michigan was the most magical time of her life. Her family did not own a TV. Instead, they told stories to entertain each other. This is how Patricia became such a good storyteller herself! She writes many stories inspired by the people and places that she loved as a young child.
Lester Laminack was born in Michigan, but he moved a lot as a child. When his little sister, Amanda, was born, he spent lots of time telling her stories. Many people think this is why he became an author!

Today, Lester lives in North Carolina. He starts everyday with a cup of coffee and some music. He even plays the saxophone and flute!
As a boy, Kevin Henkes visited the art museum often and loved to read books. He never thought he would grow up to be an author, though!

In high school, one of his teachers encouraged him to become a writer – and he did! He lives with his wife in Wisconsin today and has written lots of books!
Eve Bunting was born in a tiny village in Northern Ireland. She emigrated to the United States in 1958. She began writing after she moved to California. Her first published book was *Two Giants*, a folktale she knew from childhood. She was surprised that not everyone knew it!

When Bunting is not writing, she likes to read and play golf.
Gail Gibbons was born in Illinois. As a child, she was very curious and was always asking questions about everything! She made her own books by binding them with yarn.

Gibbons writes non-fiction books. She gets to research and find the answers to all of those questions she asked as a child! She also gets to travel and meet lots of interesting people while researching topics for her books.
Steven Kellogg loved drawing and creating pictures from an early age. He played games with his sisters where he tried to write enough stories to bury them in paper!

He noticed that a lot of grown-ups didn’t really enjoy their jobs. Steven was determined to grow up and do a job he loved!

Today he lives in an old farmhouse in Connecticut where he spends his time drawing and writing tall tales. He loves it!
Shel Silverstein was born in Chicago in 1930. He studied music and became a songwriter and musician. He also drew cartoons and wrote poetry.

He is not known for his poetry writing skills, but for the light and humorous verses that tickle the hearts of his readers.

Silverstein died in 1999.
Faith Ringgold grew up in Harlem in New York. She loved art even as a child. Her mom, a fashion designer, taught her to sew as a young age and took her to museums.

When her mother died, she began making quilts as a tribute to her. She began writing stories on the quilts so that others could read them as they looked at her art.

She hopes her children’s books and art gives others some of the magic her mother gave her!