



BEVERLY CLEARY

By:

Birth

Beverly Atlee Bunn was born in McMinnville in Yamhill County, Oregon on April 12, 1916.

Childhood



Beverly Cleary was brave, curious, & adventurous. Beverly lived on a farm and wasn't interested in the exhibits of farm animals, but she was interested in the Ferris wheel. Her mother agreed to take Beverly for a ride and paid for tickets. When they were at the top the wheel's motor broke down Beverly wanted to get an even better view. She slipped out from behind the bar and stood up on the tilting seat.

When her father was going to slaughter a hog for their ham and bacon, she climbed the stairs to try to watch from an upstairs window. Below the roof was a ledge about a foot wide, just right for her to walk on. She wanted to walk around the house, but she only walked a few steps when her parents saw her and told her to stay put.

When she went over to her friend's house they had an oven and baked a cake together with her friend's mom. In those days they didn't have a built-in plug but had, a tiny metal door. When no one was looking, Beverly opened the door and stuck her finger in the hole. Everyone looked, she received a terrible **ELECTRIC SHOCK**, a shock that made her shriek.

crossed the plains in a wagon, like great-uncle Jasper. He had an aunt and uncle Ray who was one of her father's brothers', a grandpa Lee who had a bald head, but not as interesting as uncle Fred's.

Grandma. Everly Leary's uncle Fred was the oldest brother of her dad. He admired his bald head a lot. Cousin Anton took after her father's side of the family. He was large, good natured, and deliberate in thought and movement. To Everly, she thought they were "practically twins," because they were born a month apart. Everly took after her mother's side of the family. Anton had a sister named Donna, which would be one of Everly's

Education

Beverly did not go to preschool or kindergarden. She started school in the first grade. Her first grade teacher was Miss Falb and she wore navy blue. Beverly didn't like her teacher because she was mean , and was only nice to her when her mom came in.

Her second grade teacher was Miss Marius. She was pretty, calm, gentle, kind, and never wore navy blue.

In third grade she accomplished reading and spent much of her childhood either with books or on her way to and from the public library. Her teacher was Mrs. Coad.

Beverly's fourth grade teacher was Miss Pollock. Miss Sampson was her fifth grade teacher. The music teacher was Miss Johnson. Her sixth grade teacher was Miss Charlotte Stewart's.

When the family moved to Portland, she attended grammar school and high school. At the age of 28 years old, in 1934, Beverly Bunn left home to attend college in California. She imagined California as the land of orange groves and movie stars, far removed from the hardships of the Depression.

Occupation

Beverly Cleary is best known for her stories about little Ramona Quimby, her big sister Beezus, and their neighborhood pal Henry Huggins. He had a dog named Spatterrib, later changed to Ribsy. She also wrote "Runaway Ralph," "Ralph S. Mouse," and "Mouse on the Motorcycle."

She won a Newbery Medal for her novel "Dear Mr. Henshaw," in 1983. Two other books, "Ramona and Her Father," and "Ramona Quimby, Age 8," were named Newbery Honor books. In 2000, Cleary was named a Library of Congress "Living Legend."

Accomplishments

Beverly Cleary has written .books. Here are some of them.

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