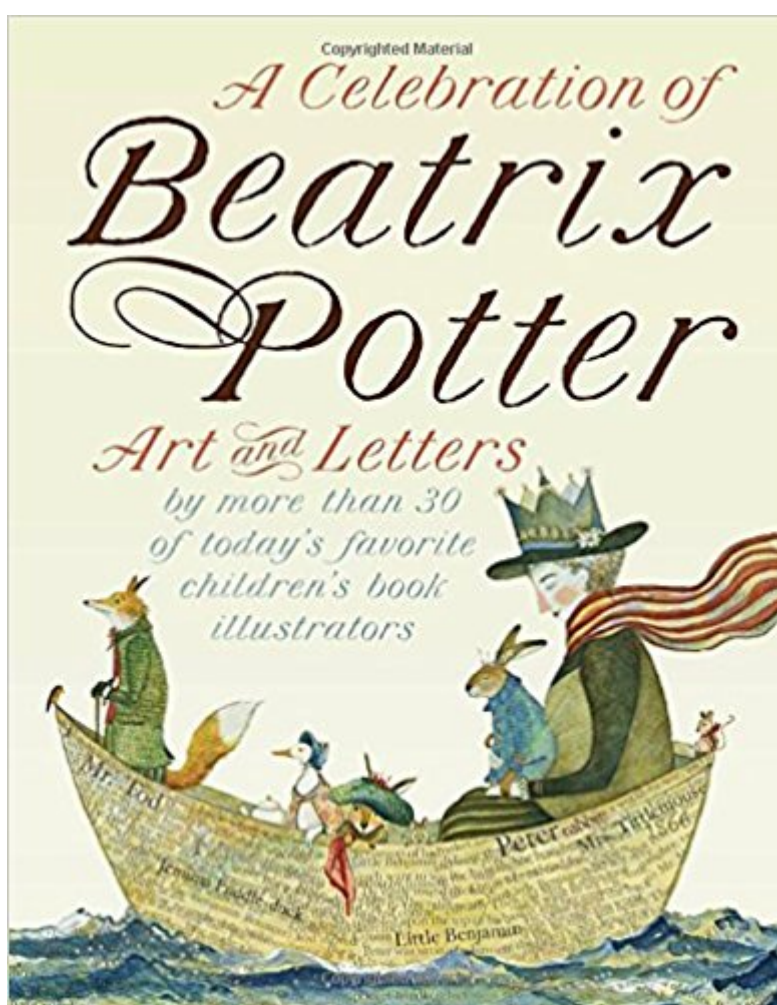


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# A Celebration Of Beatrix Potter: Art And Letters By More Than 30 Of Today's Favorite Children's Book Illustrators



## Synopsis

2016 marks the 150th birthday of Beatrix Potter, making it the perfect time to pay tribute to the beloved author/illustrator with *A Celebration of Beatrix Potter!* With illustrious tales of characters like Peter Rabbit, Squirrel Nutkin, and Jemima Puddle-Duck, Beatrix Potter established herself as one of the most cherished and influential author/illustrators of children's literature. To mark her milestone birthday, this gorgeous collection features beautiful illustrations of Potter's characters, as interpreted by well-known illustrators. Each illustration is accompanied by text from the artist explaining what that character means to them, making this a true celebration of Beatrix Potter. Praise for *A Celebration of Beatrix Potter*: "How delightful to see Peter Rabbit, Mr. McGregor, Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle, and company portrayed in various and unique styles. Excerpts from and introductory descriptions of nine of Potter's books round out this superb collection..." This 150th anniversary celebration of the life and work of Beatrix Potter will encourage aspiring young artists to carry on her legacy." —Linda L. Walkins, *School Library Journal*, Starred Review

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Gr 3 Up • In 1866, a truly remarkable woman was born. Scientifically inclined and always curious, the observant Potter grew up to become a woman ahead of her time. In this tribute to Potter and her memorable characters, 32 contemporary illustrators share anecdotes about their experiences with Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle-Duck, Squirrel Nutkin, and many other denizens of

Potter's enchanted world. E.B. Lewis (The Other Side) observes that Potter's characters are "simple, beautiful, and full of life." Betsy Lewin (Click, Clack, Moo) discusses her interest in the writer, noting that Potter "was a shining example of a woman making a place for herself as an artist and author." In addition to recounting personal encounters with Potter's work, each artist reimagines her world in original artwork. How delightful to see Peter Rabbit, Mr. McGregor, Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle, and company portrayed in various and unique styles. Excerpts from and introductory descriptions of nine of Potter's books round out this superb collection. VERDICT This 150th anniversary celebration of the life and work of Beatrix Potter will encourage aspiring young artists to carry on her legacy and is recommended for public and school libraries. —Linda L. Walkins, Saint Joseph Preparatory High School, Boston

Featuring work from over 30 of today's best-known children's illustrators, including Jon Agee, Jen Corace, Pat Cummings, Tomie dePaola, Tony DiTerlizzi, Matthew Forsythe, Stephanie Graegin, Chuck Groenink, Chris Haughton, Brian Karas, Jarrett Krosoczka, Betsy Lewin, E. B. Lewis, Renata Liwska, Wendell Minor, Kelly Murphy, Brian Pinkney, Peggy Rathmann, Chris Raschka, Peter Reynolds, Dan Santat, Judy Schachner, Laura Vaccaro Seeger, David Soman, David Ezra Stein, Melissa Sweet, Rosemary Wells, Brendan Wenzel, David Wiesner, Pamela Zagarenski, and Paul Zelinsky.

Interesting!

A present for a water-color artist who was delighted in the sketches and the text.

Was a little disappointed in this one. But it is fun and contemporary.

I love, love this book!

As a little girl I loved the Beatrix Potter books and as an elementary school teacher I always made sure my classroom contained her books. Then later as the school librarian I had a complete section of my library dedicated to her work. I found her tiny books enchanting and the creative ideas within whisked you away to a magical world that thrived behind hedges, under piles of mown grass and on the soggy brink of a pond sprinkled with lily pads. I am excited to share this book today with you as I believe Beatrix Potter books are timeless classics that everyone should have the opportunity to

enjoy. Her books have graced book shelves for more than 100 plus years after she first debuted, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit", which was originally self-published. Born in 1866 and growing up in the strict Victorian era, Ms. Potter was fiercely independent and "unwavering curiosity lead her to become a cryptographer, an amateur scientist, an award-winning farmer, a political activist, and revolutionary conservationist and a forward thinking business woman." She broke many glass ceilings and accomplished so much for a woman of wealth in an era when women were expected to stay in the shadows and follow the strict rules of society. To celebrate this remarkable woman's 15th birthday is a delight for anyone who is a fan of contemporary children's book illustrators. Such esteemed illustrators like David Wiesner, Chris Haughton, Jen Corace, Renata Liwska, Brendan Wenzel, Dan Santat and Tony DiTerlizzi, to greats like Rosemary Wells, Peggy Rathmann, Wendell Minor, Brian Pinkney and Tommie de Paola. Fans of Potter will delight in their interpretation of their favourite beloved characters. Nine of Potter's books are featured, with portions reprinted, along with a brief paragraph about the origins of each book and remembrances from contributors. It was thrilling to turn page after page and and see Potter's original drawings next to new interpretations. They lead me back one more time into magical, whimsical worlds that were designed by an extraordinarily talented storyteller and artist. It is such a treat to read this book and I know you will love it just as much as I did.... guaranteed!

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