



# Beverly Cleary



*"Living Legend" of  
Children's Books  
Passed Away at 104  
on March 25, 2021...  
1916-2021*

Beverly Cleary has left a legacy of 42 children's books. The third generation of children readers continue to read and find her characters relatable. They can still say "that's me." Her books are the cornerstone of children's literature today.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



She attended Chaffey Junior College and then transferred to UC Berkley where she studied to become a Children's Librarian.



What sparked Beverly's interest in writing was a class she took called The Novel where her professor shared, "The proper subject of the novel is universal human experience." This became the cornerstone of her writing.



Beverly didn't start writing until her early 30's. She remembers on January 2, 1949, she sat down at her kitchen table and started to write: "What was writing for children but written storytelling? So in my imagination I once more before Yakima's story-hour crowd as I typed my first sentence: "Henry Huggins was in the third grade."



# BEVERLY CLEARY'S BEST OF THE BEST

