



## Ron Roy

By Himani Bhaktani (Age 14 years)



Ron Roy born on 29 April 1940, is an American writer of children’s fiction, primarily mysteries for young readers. He is best known for the series A to Z Mysteries, Capital Mysteries, and Calendar Mysteries. Ron Roy was born in Hartford, Connecticut, grew up in East Hartford, and has lived in Connecticut most of his life. He taught fourth grade for ten years until he sold his first book in 1978 and became a full-time writer. His first several books were unpaginated picture books.

A to Z mysteries is a series of chapter books for readers aged 6 to 9, comprising 26 books published from 1997 through 2005.

## Stephen King

By Aniruddha Iyer (Age 10 years)

Stephen Edwin King is an American author of horror, supernatural fiction, suspense, crime, science-fiction, and fantasy novels. Born on 21 September 1947 he is one of the greatest horror author in the world. He has three children named Joe Hill, Naomi King, Owen King. His wife’s name is Tabitha King. I like him because i enjoy reading fiction and horror stories. Recently I watched a movie named IT which was written by him. Since then, I have begun to research on the author. His books have sold more than 350 million copies, and many have been adapted into films, television series, miniseries, and comic books. King has published 64 novels, including seven under the pen name Richard Bachman, and five non-fiction books. He has also written approximately 200 short stories, most of which have been published in book collections.

These are his books in order: **Bibliography by date**

1. Carrie (1974)	2. ‘Salem’s Lot (1975)	3. The Shining (1977)
4. Rage (1977)	5. The Stand (1978)	6. The Long Walk (1979)
7. The Dead Zone (1979)	8. Firestarter (1980)	9. Roadwork (1981)
10. Cujo (1981)	11. The Running Man (1982)	12. The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger (1982)
13. Christine (1983)	14. Pet Sematary (1983)	15. Cycle of the Werewolf (1983)
16. The Talisman (1984)	17. Thinner (1984)	18. It (1986)
19. The Eyes of the Dragon (1987)	20. The Dark Tower II: The Drawing of the Three (1987)	21. Misery (1987)
22. The Tommyknockers (1987)	23. The Dark Half (1989)	24. The Dark Tower III: The Waste Lands (1991)
25. Needful Things (1991)	26. Gerald’s Game (1992)	27. Dolores Claiborne (1992)
28. Insomnia (1994)	29. Rose Madder (1995)	30. The Green Mile (1996)

31. Desperation (1996)	32. The Regulators (1996)	33. The Dark Tower IV: Wizard and Glass (1997)
34. Bag of Bones (1998)	35. The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon (1999)	36. Dreamcatcher (2001)
37. Black House (2001)	38. From a Buick 8 (2002)	39. The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla (2003)
40. The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah (2004)	41. The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower (2004)	42. The Colorado Kid (2005)
43. Cell (2006)	44. Lisey's Story (2006)	45. Blaze (2007)
46. Duma Key (2008)	47. Under the Dome (2009)	48. 11/22/63 (2011)
49. The Dark Tower: The Wind Through the Keyhole (2012)	50. Joyland (2013)	51. Doctor Sleep (2013)
52. Mr. Mercedes (2014)	53. Revival (2014)	54. Finders Keepers (2015)
55. End of Watch (2016)	56. Gwendy's Button Box (2017)	57. Sleeping Beauties (2017)
58. The Outsider (2018)	59. Elevation (2018)	60. The Institute (2019)



## Pu La Deshpande or Bhai

By Shlok Ranawade (Age 12 years)



Pu La, Pu La Deshpande, P.L. Deshpande, or Bhai, all these names for one person P.L. Deshpande i.e., Purshottam Laxman Deshpande. P.L. Deshpande was born on 8 th

November 1919. He was a Marathi writer, humorist, stage actor, script writer, author, composer, musician, singer and orator, he was also referred as "Maharashtra's favorite personality". Purshottam Laxman Deshpande was born in Gamdevi Street, Chowpati, Mumbai to Laxman Trimbak Deshpande and Laxmibai Laxman Deshpande. PuLa's maternal grandfather Vaman Mangesh Dubhashi was a writer and poet. He translated Rabindranath Tagore's Gitanjali in Marathi as Abhang Gitanjali. He and his family used to stay at Kenway house, Proctor Road in the Grant Road locality in Mumbai, then they moved to Jogeshwari. He has described his first 8 years in the newly made or formed Saraswati Baug Colony in the story titled Balpanicha Kaal Sukhacha in his book named Purchundi. After that he and his family moved to Vile Parle. Deshpande studied at . He Parle Tilak Vidyalay attended Ismail Yusuf College after high school and then Fergusson College in Pune for BA. Later, he attended Government Law College for LLB. He completed Bachelor

of Arts (BA) degree in 1950 and then a Master of Arts (MA) degree from Willingdon College, Sangli. P.L. Deshpande's first wife Sundar Divadkar died soon after their marriage. After that, on 12 June 1946 he married to his colleague Sunita Thakur who was a teacher who taught in the same school as Pu. La. did which is Orient High School, Mumbai. These are some of Pu. La. **Deshpande's achievements/awards:**

- **Punyabhushan: 1993**
- **Padma Bhushan: 1990**
- **Padma Shree: 1966**
- **Sahitya Academy Award: 1965**
- **Sangeet Natak Academy Award: 1967**
- **Maharashtra Bhushan Award: 1996**
- **Kalidas Samman: 1987**
- **On 8th November 2020 on his 101st birth anniversary Google honored him with Google Doodle.**

P.L. Deshpande died at the age of 80 on his 54 th anniversary which was on 12 th of June 2000 in Prayag hospital, Pune, Maharashtra.

# Thea Stilton

By Sagarika Iyer (Age 8 years)

A pseudonym of Elisabetta Dami, aka Geronimo Stilton. Elisabetta Dami is an Italian author. She currently lives in Italy. She is the author of the Geronimo Stilton series. The series is considered to be the bestselling children's book currently. I personally love all the books in the series. But books where Thea Stilton (the sister of Geronimo Stilton) is the protagonist is my favourite.

Thea Stilton is the biological sister of Geronimo Stilton and is the only member of the Stilton family who is biologically related to him. The two were adopted by the Stiltons and never met their biological parents. Raised presumably by William

Shortpaws, the two were taken into the Stilton family. This is how they got their family name.

Thea was most likely top of her class in New Mouse City, because she was eventually invited to attend college in the prestigious Mouseford Academy, and she graduated with top honors in her batch. After graduating, she went on to work as a well-known journalist in the Rodent's Gazette and is currently the newspaper's special correspondent.

Later on, she was invited back to Mouseford Academy by headmaster Octavius de Mousus as an investigative journalism teacher, and there she meets five girls that

she eventually takes in as her students and proteges. She writes about these girls' adventures around the world in a style similar to her brother Geronimo's books.

Thea is a tall, slender grey-furred mouse with lavender eyes and no visible hair on her head like Geronimo. Her outfit changes on occasion, but her main outfit consists of a royal blue jacket with a white fur collar, a lavender or pinkish scarf/sweater and jeans. She is known to be very athletic despite her slender build.

I personally love Thea Stilton because she is a girl. She is bold and fierce and very brave. I enjoy reading all the books.

# Enid Blyton

By Obaid Alizai (Age 10 years)

Enid Mary Blyton born on 11th August 1897 was a children's English writer. Her books are still enormously popular and have been translated into 90 languages. The books have been worldwide bestsellers since the 1930s, selling more than 600 million copies. In 1920, Blyton moved to Chessington and began writing in her spare time. Her first book *Child Whispers* was published in 1922. As of June 2019, Blyton held 4th place for the most translated author.

The Secret Seven is a fictional group of child detectives created by Enid Blyton and based on the publisher's children.

The Famous Five is a series of children's adventure novels and short stories written by English author Enid Blyton.

Enid Blyton has written many bed-time stories as well. Some of her other famous

works include "Wishing Chair Again", "Mr Twiddle". Her series "Upper Fourth at Malory Towers" also is an interesting one. Here she takes us through the adventures of a girl who lives in a school hostel.

Most of her stories are set in the English countryside.

During the 1940s Blyton became a prolific author, her success enhanced by her "marketing, publicity and branding that was far ahead of its time". In 1940 Blyton published two books – *Three Boys and a Circus* and *Children of Kidillin* – under the pseudonym of Mary Pollock (middle name plus first married name), in addition to the eleven published under her own name that year.



# My favourite author: Sudha Murthy

By Mayank Bhide (Age 9 years)



Smt. Sudha Murthy was born in 1950 in Shiggaon, Haveri District in North Karnataka. She completed her engineering from BVB College of Engineering, obtained 1st rank across all branches and received a gold medal from the Institute of Engineers. She did her ME from Indian Institute of Science with distinction and started her career as an engineer with TELCO (now Tata Motors). Today, she is the chairperson of Infosys Foundation and has handled 13 national disasters in the last 23 years.

She studied in a Kannada Medium school till the 10th standard and fell in love with the language. Her strong ties to the language and its people led her to establish more than 60,000 libraries in Karnataka. She also strongly believes in creating awareness for social causes and has passionately travelled the world for this purpose including universities and gatherings in the US, Columbia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, New Zealand, Australia, England, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Tibet, and Singapore.

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A prolific writer in English and Kannada, her books have been translated into all major Indian languages and have sold over 26 lakh copies around the country. She is a columnist for English and Kannada dailies with 30 books and more than 200 titles to her credit – including novels, non-fiction, children’s books, travelogues, technical books, and memoirs. She has also received seven honorary doctorates. Some of her awards include the R.K. Narayan Award for Literature, the Padma Shri in 2006, the Attimabbe Award from the government of Karnataka for excellence in Kannada literature in 2011, and most recently, the Lifetime Achievement by Crossword Book Awards in 2018. She lives by the belief that “Generosity of a few is hope for millions”.

Today, she is a Padma Shri awardee, chairperson of Infosys Foundation, and an active member of public health care initiatives of the Gates Foundation. But, her journey of coming from a small town of Karnataka to becoming the first female engineer hired at TELCO, itself is a story

of breaking stereotypes and fighting gender inequality.

It was during her college days at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore when Sudha came across a recruitment advertisement by renowned company TELCO (now known as Tata motors). The advertisement stated that the company is hiring young and hardworking engineers who have a great academic record as well. However, there was one line written at the bottom of the pamphlet that drew the attention of young Sudha and left her heartbroken. It was clearly stated in the job post that ‘Women Candidates Need Not Apply’.

Without wasting any time, Sudha wrote a letter expressing her anger, on a postcard addressing to none other than JRD Tata, chairman of Tata group.

Within 10 days Sudha got a response from TELCO and she was invited for an interview at Pune, the company even offered to take care of her travel and other expenses. The letter that Sudha wrote to the chairman, condemning the discrimination proved to be a turning point in her life.

Both Sudha and Narayana became friends and after some reservation voiced by the family, both convinced their parents and got married in 1978.

In 1981, Narayana wanted to pursue his dream of starting a software company ‘Infosys’ but didn’t have enough money. That’s when Sudha being a strong Pillar asked Narayana to follow his dream and gave him Rs 10,000 to start his own company. Today, Sudha is the backbone of Infosys foundation, which is a non-profit organization that supports the underprivileged section of society.

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## FUN FACTS ABOUT FAMOUS AUTHORS

1. George Eliot was actually a woman
  2. Cormac McCarthy used the same typewriter for 50 years
  3. JRR Tolkien worked for the Oxford Dictionary
  4. Jane Austen almost died at the age of seven
  5. Virginia Woolf was related to William Thackeray
  6. Arthur Conan Doyle was good friends with Harry Houdini
  7. Daniel Defoe once tried to sell a perfume made from the secretions of cats' bottoms
  8. James Joyce didn't set foot in Ireland after he turned 30
  9. Percy Shelley was a vegan
  10. Toni Morrison didn't start writing until her thirties
  11. D.H. Lawrence climbed mulberry trees... naked
  12. Eugene O'Neill was born in and died in a hotel room
  13. George Orwell borrowed the plot for 1984
  14. William Thackeray wasted his father's inheritance
  15. William Blake claimed he saw god at the age of 4
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## JOKES

- a. What do you get when you cross a writer with a deadline? A really clean house.
- b. What's it like to be an aspiring writer? It's difficult to put into words.
- c. Why are writers always cold? They're surrounded by drafts.
- d. I once asked this literary agent what writing paid the best, and he said, 'ransom notes'.
- e. A writer died and was given the option of going to heaven or hell. She decided to check out each place first. As the writer descended into the fiery pits, she saw row upon row of writers chained to their desks in a steaming sweatshop. As they worked, they were repeatedly whipped with thorny lashes. "Oh my," said the writer. "Let me see heaven now."  
A few moments later, as she ascended into heaven, she saw rows of writers, chained to their desks in a steaming sweatshop. As they worked, they, too, were whipped with thorny lashes. "Wait a minute," said the writer. "This is just as bad as hell!" "Oh no, it's not," replied an unseen voice. "Here, your work gets published."

# Drawings by our little artists

By Tanaya Jadhav (Age 7 years)



By Aarohi Tatkare (Age 7 years)



By Anandi Kamble (Age 8 years)



By Fatima Alizai (Age 8 years)



By Tanaya Jadhav (Age 7 years)



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