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ASTRID LINDGREN

Swedish Author and storyteller

A childhood without books – that would be no childhood.

That would be like being shut out from the enchanted place where you can go and find the rarest kind of joy



Astrid Anna Emilia Lindgren was born on the 14th of November 1907 on the farm Näs outside Vimmerby, in the county of Småland, and died on the 28th January 2002 in her home on Dalagatan 46 in Stockholm. She wrote 34 chapter books and 41 picture books, that all together have sold a staggering 165 million copies and been translated into more than 100 languages.

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Astrid Lindgren's achievement is unique and important. She was a committed humanist and a person who thought for herself. She fought for the rights of children, for equality, ecology and animal welfare, as well as against violence and oppression. She held on to her beliefs with both courage and seriousness, as well as humour and love.

Astrid Lindgren's global impact is without precedent. No Swedish author has been translated into as many languages as Astrid Lindgren has and the total sale of her books is currently calculated at approximately 165 million copies. Every year new foreign editions of her books are published, regardless of the fact that it's more than 15 years since she passed away

She is best known for several children's book series, featuring Pippi Longstocking, Emil of Lönneberga, Karlsson-on-the-Roof, and the Six Bullerby Children (*Children of Noisy Village* in the US), and for the children's fantasy novels *Mio, My Son*, *Ronia the Robber's Daughter*, and *The Brothers Lionheart*.

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