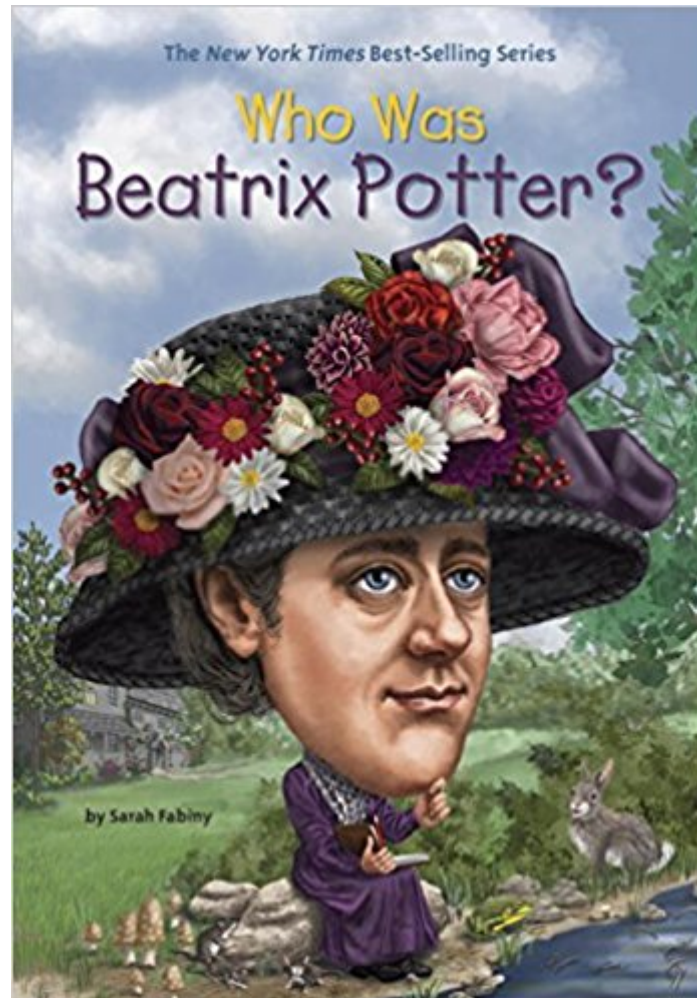




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Born into wealth in 1860â€™s London, Beatrix Potter always had a vivid imagination. Her early interests included natural history and archaeology, and Potter delighted in sketching fossils and fungi. After briefly illustrating Christmas cards with her brother, Bertram, Potter wrote and illustrated her well-known book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. The book was rejected by several publishers until Frederick Warne eventually took a risk and published the story in 1902 - a risk that paid off. *Peter Rabbit* was a huge success and readers loved hearing about Peter's mischievous adventures in the lush English countryside. As she got older, Beatrix Potter became a proud conservationist, working hard to defend the landscape she loved so well against industrialization and logging. Now over one hundred years old, *Peter Rabbit* and his animal friends have become cultural touchstones and continue to delight readers of all ages.

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Customer Reviews

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A great read! We had fun reading this while also studying the works of Beatrix Potter. The Who/What Was books are GREAT reading for any age. Nice for beginning independent readers to fill their curiosity - it seems there is a book on nearly anyone or anything of note. Also great for out loud reading to younger kids or a group (mine are 4, 6, 7). We read them during lunchtime (1-2 chapters) and can easily finish a book each week. For homeschoolers, they're a great and entertaining way to get in history. Lots of side-notes in each book on a variety of topics. You could truly do weekly unit studies just using these with a little planning.

Great biography series that all kids will enjoy. My students (4th grade) can't seem to put them down. I've had them in my room for the last few years and they just eat them up. The content is easy to understand and it provides great information on each person/topic along with a timeline in the back. Great for parents and teachers alike.

Great story, love this series!! What a neat woman! After reading this, I bought her whole collection of stories!

Drawings sold me on these little books

My grandchildren and I have loved every one of the books in this series. I will be buying more in the future.

Kids love this series.

You know you've waited in the doctor's office a long time if you are able to start and finish Sarah Fabiny's Who Was Beatrix Potter?. This is exactly what happened to me this past week. Beatrix Potter, the author of the twenty-three "tale" books including The Tale of Peter Rabbit was not only a groundbreaking author, but also a trailblazer in women's rights. Born in 1866 into a wealthy family. Potter was raised to be seen and not heard until she would eventually marry or simply stay at home and care for her aging parents. Those were her options. While her brother was sent to a boarding school to be schooled. Potter took art classes at the South Kensington Museum and excelled. Thankfully, Potter's brother Bertram, while home from school on a visit, encouraged Potter to send out her drawings to publishers, and the rest is history. Although met with adversity and hardship

along the way, Potter is a true example of someone who can achieve her dreams with hard work and determination as told in Fabiny's Who Was Beatrix Potter?.

My son and I are obsessed with this book series... well actually I don't know who is more obsessed, him or me... we love this historical, informative, well written fun little books. I homeschool him so these books have played a big roll in his learning this year. We are planning to read them all eventually!

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