

Katherine Paterson Biography

katherine paterson biography: Stories of My Life Katherine Paterson, 2014-10-16 From her childhood in China to the moment she won her first National Book Award, literary icon Katherine Paterson shares the personal stories that inspired her children's books. Told with her trademark humor and heart, Paterson's tales reveal details about her life from her childhood with missionary parents, to living as a single woman in Japan, to raising four children in suburban Maryland with her minister husband. Read about the origins of such familiar characters as Leslie Burke and Janice Avery from *Bridge to Terabithia*, and go behind the scenes to the moments Katherine found out she won her many awards. Filled with personal photos and letters, this funny, heartwarming history from a legendary writer lets fans in on the making of literary classics.

katherine paterson biography: Katherine Paterson Alice B. McGinty, 2004-12-15 Looks at the life and work of the Newbery Award-winning author, including her writing process, inspirations, and a critical discussion of her books.

katherine paterson biography: The Master Puppeteer Katherine Paterson, 1989-03-24 Who is the man called Sabura, the mysterious bandit who robs the rich and helps the poor? And what is his connection with Yosida, the harsh and ill-tempered master of feudal Japan's most famous puppet theater? Young Jiro, an apprentice to Yosida, is determined to find out, even at risk to his own life. Meanwhile, Jiro devotes himself to learning puppetry. Kinshi, the puppet master's son, tutors him. When his sheltered life at the theater is shattered by mobs of hungry, rioting peasants, Jiro becomes aware of responsibilities greater than his craft. As he schemes to help his friend Kinshi and to find his own parent, Jiro stumbles onto a dangerous and powerful secret....

katherine paterson biography: Lyddie Katherine Paterson, 1995-01-01 From two-time Newbery award-winning author Katherine Paterson. When Lyddie and her younger brother are hired out as servants to help pay off their family farm's debts, Lyddie is determined to find a way to reunite her family once again. Hearing about all the money a girl can make working in the textile mills in Lowell, Massachusetts, she makes her way there, only to find that her dreams of returning home may never come true. Includes an all-new common core aligned educator's guide. Rich in historical detail...a superb story of grit, determination, and personal growth. —The Horn Book, starred review Lyddie is full of life, full of lives, full of reality. —The New York Times Book Review An ALA Notable Book An ALA Best Book for Young Adults A Booklist Editor's Choice American Bookseller Pick of the Lists School Library Journal Best Book Parents magazine Best Book

katherine paterson biography: Jacob Have I Loved Katherine Paterson, 2009-10-06 Katherine Paterson's remarkable Newbery Medal-winning classic about a painful sibling rivalry, and one sister's struggle to make her own way, is an honest and daring portrayal of adolescence and coming of age. A strong choice for independent reading, both for summer reading and homeschooling, as well as in the classroom, *Jacob Have I Loved* has been lauded as a cornerstone young adult novel and was ranked among the all-time best children's novels in a survey published by School Library Journal. *Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated . . .* With her grandmother's taunt, Louise knew that she, like the biblical Esau, was the despised elder twin. Caroline, her selfish younger sister, was the one everyone loved. Growing up on a tiny Chesapeake Bay island, angry Louise reveals how Caroline has robbed her of everything: her hopes for schooling, her friends, her mother, even her name. While everyone pampers Caroline, Wheeze (her sister's name for her) begins to learn the ways of the watermen and the secrets of the island, especially of old Captain Wallace, who has mysteriously returned after fifty years. The war unexpectedly gives this independent girl a chance to fulfill her dream to work on the water alongside her father. But the dream does not satisfy the woman she is becoming. Alone and unsure, Louise begins to fight her way to a place for herself outside her sister's shadow. But in order to do that, she must first figure out

who she is...

katherine paterson biography: The Great Gilly Hopkins Katherine Paterson, 2009-10-06 The timeless Newbery Honor Book from bestselling author Katherine Paterson about a wisecracking, ornery, completely unforgettable young heroine. Eleven-year-old Gilly has been stuck in more foster families than she can remember, and she's hated them all. She has a reputation for being brash, brilliant, and completely unmanageable, and that's the way she likes it. So when she's sent to live with the Trotters—by far the strangest family yet—she knows it's only a temporary problem. Gilly decides to put her sharp mind to work and get out of there fast. She's determined to no longer be a foster kid. Before long she's devised an elaborate scheme to get her real mother to come rescue her. Unfortunately, the plan doesn't work out quite as she hoped it would... This classic middle grade novel has moved generations of readers and inspired a major motion picture starring Octavia Spencer, Kathy Bates, Glenn Close, and Danny Glover. The acclaim for the book included the National Book Award, the Christopher Award, and the Jane Addams Award. The joys and struggles of adoption, told in a real and accessible way, are beautifully expressed in Katherine Paterson's *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. Don't miss it!

katherine paterson biography: Who Am I? Katherine Paterson, 2004-02-17 An inviting book by an award-winning author, *Who Am I?* explores with young readers what it means to be a child of God. Within the context of biblical teaching and the Christian faith, Katherine Paterson discusses common, basic questions that she herself has grappled with for a long time: Where in the World Is God? What about Me? Where Do I Belong? Who Is My Neighbor? What Is My Purpose? In exploring these questions, Paterson relates significant experiences from her own life and tells many other stories showing how God loves us and leads us through life's challenges. Paterson's book *Who Am I?* is so forthright, faithful, clear, common, and honest that any young people who read it will find themselves as much consoled as challenged. It holds them close and doesn't let them go &. No one can finish this meditation without growing and coming closer to the Lord. Bless Paterson for her love and her close attention to the souls of thoughtful children. -- Walter Wangerin Jr.

katherine paterson biography: Jip Katherine Paterson, 2005 An abandoned boy turns to his only friend to help him make sense of his past, after a menacing stranger comes to town claiming to have been sent by his father.

katherine paterson biography: Stories of My Life Katherine Paterson, 2022-09-13 The beloved author of *Bridge to Terabithia* and other classics of children's literature reveals the fascinating personal stories that have shaped her creative life. For nearly fifty years, Katherine Paterson's stories have captured readers young and old. From *Bridge to Terabithia*'s Leslie Burke to the unforgettable Gilly Hopkins to countless others, her characters are woven into the memories of several generations. Paterson's writing has always explored the rich emotional landscape of childhood, for she has never forgotten how she felt as a child herself. The writer she became grew from her own fascinating life, told here in a collection of stories that reach from earlier generations of her family to the present day. Born in China to Presbyterian missionary parents from the American South, her young adulthood led her to Japan and then back to the East Coast, where she began to raise her family and put stories on paper. Each of these experiences influenced the books that were to come. Through Paterson's memories, we learn the origins of her characters and storylines and share in her unexpected literary acclaim. We see the intimate moments of family, creativity, and faith that come together for a life well lived. With snapshots from her family albums and introductory remarks from fellow writers Kate DiCamillo and Nancy Price Graff, this is more than a behind-the-scenes look at favorite children's books. It's the story of a life infused with humor, joy, and gratitude; inspiring new stories embraced by readers everywhere.

katherine paterson biography: Bridge to Terabithia Katherine Paterson, 2009-10-06 The 40th anniversary edition of the classic Newbery Medal-winning title by beloved author Katherine Paterson, with brand-new bonus materials including an author's note by Katherine herself and a foreword by New York Times bestselling author Kate DiCamillo. Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in

school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief. *Bridge to Terabithia* was also named an ALA Notable Children's Book and has become a touchstone of children's literature, as have many of Katherine Paterson's other novels, including *The Great Gilly Hopkins* and *Jacob Have I Loved*.

katherine paterson biography: *Bread and Roses, Too* Katherine Paterson, 2008-08-12 2013 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award Rosa's mother is singing again, for the first time since Papa died in an accident in the mills. But instead of filling their cramped tenement apartment with Italian lullabies, Mamma is out on the streets singing union songs, and Rosa is terrified that her mother and older sister, Anna, are endangering their lives by marching against the corrupt mill owners. After all, didn't Miss Finch tell the class that the strikers are nothing but rabble-rousers—an uneducated, violent mob? Suppose Mamma and Anna are jailed or, worse, killed? What will happen to Rosa and little Ricci? When Rosa is sent to Vermont with other children to live with strangers until the strike is over, she fears she will never see her family again. Then, on the train, a boy begs her to pretend that he is her brother. Alone and far from home, she agrees to protect him . . . even though she suspects that he is hiding some terrible secret. From a beloved, award-winning author, here is a moving story based on real events surrounding an infamous 1912 strike.

katherine paterson biography: *The King's Equal* Katherine Paterson, 1999-01-09 Who is she? A dying king makes his son his heir--on one condition. Vain Prince Raphael must marry a woman who is his equal in beauty, intelligence, and wealth... Where is this woman? A search throughout the kingdom proves fruitless. Then the lovely Rosamund appears at the palace, as if by magic, and Raphael is certain he has found his wife. She is intelligent and wealthy, as well as beautiful--certainly his equal, he thinks. But what does the mysterious Rosamund think? Two-time Newbery Medalist Katherine Paterson's critically-acclaimed original fairy tale about an arrogant prince and his search for a bride is now available in a reformatted chapter book edition. With beautiful new line art by Curtis Woodbridge, this provocative story with a contemporary social message (The New York Times Book Review) will become an instant classic for newly independent readers. An entertaining and enchanting story.

katherine paterson biography: *The Same Stuff as Stars* Katherine Paterson, 2003 Angel's dad is in jail and her mum's abandoned her and her little brother at their great-grandmother's crumbling farmhouse. Grandma can't even look after herself, let alone two children, so Angel finds that it's left up to her. In a dreary and lonely world there is only one bright spot - a mysterious stranger who appears on clear nights to teach Angel all about the stars.* Katherine Paterson is an internationally acclaimed author who has won the Newbery Medal (twice), the National Book Award for Children's Literature (USA) twice, and the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award

katherine paterson biography: *The Invisible Child* Katherine Paterson, 2001 More than twenty essays and speeches show Paterson's passion for reading, her ideas about writing, her spiritual faith, and her conviction that the imagination must be nourished.

katherine paterson biography: *The Sign of the Chrysanthemum* Katherine Paterson, 1988-06-03 Muna has never known his father -- a samurai, a noble warrior. But Muna's mother has told Muna how he will know him one day: by the sign of the chrysanthemum. When his mother dies, Muna travels to the capital of twelfth-century Japan, a bewildering city on the verge of revolution. He finds a haven there, as servant to the great swordsmith, Fukuji. But Muna cannot forget his dream: He must find his father. Only then will he have power and a name to be reckoned with. Only then will he become a man.

katherine paterson biography: *Preacher's Boy* Katherine Paterson, 2003 It is the year 1899 and a new century is fast approaching. Robbie Hewitt intends to get in as much living as possible between now and the new year, but his antics eventually entangle him in a dangerous scheme--one that holds the life of a man in balance.

katherine paterson biography: Katherine Paterson Gary D. Schmidt, 1994 Katherine Paterson is the consummate storyteller, a crafter of tales in which characters must deal with the most elemental hopes and fears in settings - be it a Chesapeake Bay island or the mountains of China - that are alternately blissful and beatific, terrifying and desperate. In a sensitive analysis of the novels and stories of this award-winning children's author, Gary D. Schmidt finds that Paterson is, in a subtle way, a didactic writer, informed by her hopeful and ethical vision of the future. Here is a writer, Schmidt argues, who does not shy away from horrendous topics - unwanted foster children, the death of a schoolchild's best friend, rape, murder, political intrigue, religious mania, and war. He finds that Paterson's books - among them the National Book Award-winning *Master Puppeteer* (1976) and *The Great Gilly Hopkins* (1978) and the Newbery Award-winning *Bridge to Terabithia* (1977) and *Jacob Have I Loved* (1980) - are successful when the reader journeys with the author through distressing situations and then arrives, in a moment of grace, at a place of spiritual enlightenment. Paterson's characters, Schmidt argues, search for fathers, for families, for love and acceptance, for themselves, they recall the characters of Flannery O'Connor, who also find themselves caught in moments of distress and then find, like Paterson's characters, moments of grace. As Schmidt shows, that moment may come in the building of a bridge or in coming to understand the implications of a carol or poem or in resolving to live a life of burdens shared. Schmidt begins this study with a biographical essay about Paterson's life, drawn from her own essays as well as from an interview with her he conducted at her home in Barre, Vermont. In the balance of the book he addresses her copious work, beginning with her early historical fiction and proceeding on to the novels that explore her major themes - of the plight of prodigal children and the search for true family. Later chapters examine Paterson's more recent historical fiction and her retelling of folk tales. Throughout his discussion Schmidt focuses on the stories' elements of hope, for, as Paterson has said in a National Book Award acceptance speech, she wants to be a spy for hope. Schmidt's lucid study brings readers a closer understanding of this remarkable spy.--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

katherine paterson biography: The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks Katherine Paterson, Stephanie S. Tolan, Steve Liebman, 1999

katherine paterson biography: The Day of the Pelican Katherine Paterson, 2009-10-19 2013 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award Meli Lleshi is positive that her drawing of her teacher with his pelican nose started it all. The Lleshis are Albanians living in Kosovo, a country trying to fight off Serbian oppressors, and suddenly they are homeless refugees. Old and young alike, they find their courage tested by hunger, illness, the long, arduous journey, and danger on every side. Then, unexpectedly, they are brought to America by a church group and begin a new life in a small Vermont town. The events of 9/11 bring more challenges for this Muslim family--but this country is their home now and there can be no turning back.A compassionate, powerful novel by a master storyteller.

katherine paterson biography: Park's Quest Katherine Paterson, 1989-07 11-year-old Park makes some startling discoveries when he travels to his grandfather's farm in Virginia to learn about his father who died in the Vietnam War

katherine paterson biography: The Light of the World Katherine Paterson, François Roca, 2008 Two-time Newbery Award-winning author Katherine Paterson tells the story of Jesus's life with extraordinary clarity and grace, accompanied by paintings as human and reverent as the text. When the people looked at all the sadness and evil in the world, they had trouble believing that God was in charge. 'God's kingdom,' said Jesus, 'is as tiny as the smallest of seeds, but when it is planted it grows into such a huge tree that the birds make their nests in its branches.' Newbery Medalist & minister's wife Katherine Paterson retells the life of Jesus in simple, beautiful language for all ages, making the story new again through her trademark generosity and compassion. Iconic images from Jesus's life light the text with the same warmth and directness. A perfect gift book!

katherine paterson biography: The Flint Heart - A Fairy Story Eden Phillpotts, 2011-10 Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high

quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork.

katherine paterson biography: Katherine Paterson John Bankston, 2013-11 Katherine Paterson was in her forties and a married mother of four when she sent her first young adult novel, *The Sign of the Chrysanthemum*, to a publisher.

katherine paterson biography: Jella Lepman and Her Library of Dreams Katherine Paterson, 2025-02-04 The inspiring true story of how one visionary woman used children's books to help heal a generation of Germany's children after WWII and went on to set up the International Youth Library and International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY). Written by Katherine Paterson, the beloved and award-winning author of *Bridge to Terabithia* and many other children's favorites. Jella Lepman was a woman who stood her ground, challenged convention, and worked fiercely to transform her biggest dreams into reality. In 1945, when Jella was tasked with what seemed like an insurmountable challenge—to create a haven of imagination and joy for the children of a Germany scarred by war—she turned to a steadfast companion: books. As a Jewish woman who had fled from the Nazis, Jella was determined to restore a sense of childhood to the young people who had only known conflict and violence. Despite constant obstacles, Jella persevered, and with the help of publishers and children from around the world, she amassed an extraordinary collection of 4,000 children's books in pursuit of her mission to promote peace. The roving literary collection would eventually find a home as the International Youth Library in Munich, now with over 600,000 items, the largest collection of children's books and materials in the world. *Jella Lepman and Her Library of Dreams* is a thrilling and heartfelt exploration of one woman's extraordinary belief in the power of books to transform young lives. Perfect for readers who enjoy illustrated biography, true adventure nonfiction, and empowering stories of women in history, this makes an outstanding addition to classroom and home libraries. **WORLD HISTORY FOR KIDS:** This book reflects on the aftermath of WWII and its effect on children in Germany. By Jella Lepman's inspiring example, readers will learn how working together and being part of a community can help bring peace after war, displacement, and loss. **FASCINATING TRUE STORY:** This picture book biography introduces a little-known historical figure who changed the world through children's books. Anyone who loves history, biographies, or children's literature will find themselves inspired by the life and work of Jella Lepman. **IMPORTANCE OF BOOKS & LIBRARIES:** Featuring inspiring illustrations of global cooperation, crates of international books being shipped to the library, and children in the harshest of conditions finding solace in reading, this book is perfect for celebrating librarians and their positive impact on young lives. It also highlights the ongoing work of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), a non-profit organization that represents an international network of people who are committed to bringing books and children together. Perfect for: Librarians, educators, and parents seeking engaging history and nonfiction books for kids Fans of true stories, biographies, and fascinating facts Anyone interested in learning about children's literature and children's book libraries Special occasion or thank you gift for teachers and librarians Fans of Katherine Paterson and her award-winning books, including *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Jacob Have I Loved*, and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*

katherine paterson biography: Words in the Dust Trent Reedy, 2013-03-01 Winner of the Christopher Medal and a heart-wrenching Al Roker's Book Club selection on the Today Show. Zulaikha hopes. She hopes for peace, now that the Taliban have been driven from Afghanistan; a good relationship with her hard stepmother; and one day even to go to school, or to have her cleft palate fixed. Zulaikha knows all will be provided for her--Inshallah, God willing. Then she meets Meena, who offers to teach her the Afghan poetry she taught her late mother. And the Americans come to her village, promising not just new opportunities and dangers, but surgery to fix her face. These changes could mean a whole new life for Zulaikha--but can she dare to hope they'll come true?

katherine paterson biography: Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot! Cece Bell, 2020-03-10 From Newbery Honor winner Cece Bell comes an offbeat, pitch-perfect storybook for beginning readers that will have them in fits of giggles. "Maybe your foot smells good. Maybe your foot smells great. But I will not smell your foot until you say PLEASE." Meet Chick and Brain. And their friend

Spot. Chick likes to follow the rules. Brain might not be as smart as he looks. And Spot just wants to eat lunch. In a graphic reader loaded with verbal and visual humor, Cece Bell offers a comical primer on good manners gone awry. Simple, silly, and perfectly suited for its audience, this tale of Chick and Brain's constant misunderstandings and miscommunications proves once again that Cece Bell is a master at meeting kids where they are.

katherine paterson biography: Karen Hesse Nzingha Clarke, 2005-12-15 Karen Hesse is a celebrated children's author and one of the very best historical fiction writers today. As a child growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, she faced illness, family problems, and feelings of isolation. Escaping her problems through books and writing, she earned positive reinforcement from teachers and her neighborhood librarian. Awaiting the birth of her first child years later, she began reading children's literature, inspired especially by the works of Katherine Paterson. This biography traces the inspirational process behind such works as her Newbery Medal-winner *Out of the Dust*.

katherine paterson biography: Seesaw Girl Linda Sue Park, 1999 Impatient with the constraints put on her as an aristocratic girl living in Korea during the seventeenth century, twelve-year-old Jade Blossom determines to see beyond her small world.

katherine paterson biography: Katherine Paterson Alice Cary, 1997 Examines the life and writing career of the Newbery Award-winning author of *The Bridge to Terabithia* and *Jacob Have I Loved*.

katherine paterson biography: Ripple Heather Smith Meloche, 2016-09-20 When their too-adult lives lead them down self-destructive paths, these broken teens find a way to heal in this YA novel perfect for fans of Ellen Hopkins With her impossible-to-please grandmother on her back about college and her disapproving step-dad watching her every move, Tessa would do anything to escape the pressure-cooker she calls home. So she finds a shot of much-needed power and confidence by hooking up with boys, even though it means cheating on her boyfriend. But when she's finally caught red-handed, she'll do anything she can to cover up what she's done. Jack is a prankster who bucks the system every chance he gets—each transgression getting riskier and riskier. He loves the thrill, and each adventure allows a little release because his smug smile and suave demeanor in the face of authority doesn't make life at home with his mom any less tough. He tries to take care of her, but the truth is he's powerless in the face of her fragile mental health. So he copes in his own way, by defacing public property and pulling elaborate pranks, though he knows in the end this'll only screw up his life even more. As they both try not to let their self-destructive patterns get the best of them, Tessa and Jack gravitate toward one another, discovering the best parts of themselves in the process. An honest portrayal of the urges that drive us and finding the strength to overcome them, *Ripple* is a stunning debut from a powerful new voice.

katherine paterson biography: Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography Michael G. Long, Chris Lamb, 2017-03-10 Jackie Robinson believed in a God who sides with the oppressed and who calls us to see one another as sisters and brothers. This faith was a powerful but quiet engine that drove and sustained him as he shattered racial barriers on and beyond the baseball diamond. *Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography* explores the faith that, Robinson said, carried him through the torment and abuse he suffered for integrating the major leagues and drove him to get involved in the civil rights movement. Marked by sacrifice and service, inclusiveness and hope, Robinson's faith shaped not only his character but also baseball and America itself.

katherine paterson biography: The Exquisite Corpse Adventure National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance, 2011 Twins Joe and Nancy were raised in a circus but on their eleventh birthday they learn their parents are still alive and need their help, so they set out on an quest filled with many extraordinary beings and adventures. Consists of twenty-seven episodes by nineteen authors and pictures by five illustrators.

katherine paterson biography: Parzival Katherine Paterson, 2000-04-03 Acclaimed storyteller and Newbery medalist, National Book Awardwinner, and Laura Ingalls Wilder award recipient Katherine Paterson breathes new life into this classic tale of action, adventure, and romance. Raised in the wilderness, Parzival knows nothing of his destiny as the Grail Knight--the one

who is fated to seek the sacred vessel of hope and eternal life. To succeed in his quest, Parzival must struggle against countless obstacles. His triumphant story is one that will move readers to joy and despair, laughter and tears.

katherine paterson biography: *Touch the Sky* Ann Malaspina, 2012-01-01 CCBC Choices 2013 2014-2015 Children's Crown Award 2013-2014 Macy's Multicultural Collection of Children's Literature 2015 Louisiana Readers' Choice Master List A 2013 CBC/NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People 2013 Amelia Bloomer list 2013 IRA-CBC Children's Choices Best Children's Books of the Year 2013, Bank Street College Tells how Alice Coachman, born poor in Georgia, became the first African American woman to win a gold medal at the Olympics. Bare feet shouldn't fly. Long legs shouldn't spin. Braids shouldn't flap in the wind. 'Sit on the porch and be a lady,' Papa scolded Alice. In Alice's Georgia hometown, there was no track where an African-American girl could practice, so she made her own crossbar with sticks and rags. With the support of her coach, friends, and community, Alice started to win medals. Her dream to compete at the Olympics came true in 1948. This is an inspiring free-verse story of the first African-American woman to win an Olympic gold medal. Photos of Alice Coachman are also included.

katherine paterson biography: *Hope Is an Arrow* Cory McCarthy, 2022-07-05 A lyrical biography of Kahlil Gibran by award-winning writer Cory McCarthy, with glorious illustrations by Caldecott Honoree and two-time Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Ekua Holmes. Before Kahlil Gibran ever put his pen to the page to eventually become the world's third best-selling poet of all time, he was Gibran Khalil Gibran, a child immigrant from Lebanon who had a secret hope. That hope sprung from his experiences in Lebanon, where Christians and Muslims crashed like two strong headwinds, and in Boston, where the wealthy crashed with the poor. His secret hope: to connect all people from around the world, bringing them together despite their differences and beliefs. But how could he bring people together when he himself felt fractured? He was Kahlil Gibran, the Arab American who struggled to make a home in America, and he was Gibran Khalil Gibran, the Lebanese boy who missed his home, struggling to hold on to his roots. Kahlil found his answer in writing poetry. Kahlil's secret hope, shot like an arrow from Lebanon, feathered by the spirit of American independence, became a book called *The Prophet*. And even today, Kahlil's words continue to fly around the world, bringing people together.

katherine paterson biography: *You Can't Say That!* Leonard S. Marcus, 2021-07-13 What happens when freedom of expression comes under threat? In frank and wide-ranging interviews, historian and critic Leonard S. Marcus probes the experience of thirteen leading authors of books for young people. A powerful photo essay on transgender teens is called anti-religious and anti-family. A meticulously researched primer on sex education stirs up accusations of pornography and child abuse. Picture books about two mommies (or two penguin daddies) set off a hue and cry. Two hugely popular children's series run afoul of would-be censors, one for its scatological humor, the other because it's deemed too scary. Kids' books that touch on race, sex, LGBTQ matters, the occult, "coarse language," and more have found themselves under the scrutiny of those who challenge First Amendment rights. Tune in as thirteen top children's and young adult authors speak out about what it's like to have your work banned or challenged in America today. Prompted by Leonard S. Marcus's insightful questions, they discuss why their books have faced censorship—both blatant and "soft"—how the challenges have or haven't affected their writing, and why some people feel they have the right to deny access to books. In addition, Leonard S. Marcus puts First Amendment challenges in a historical context and takes a promising look at the vibrant support network that has risen up to protect and defend young people's rights. Authors interviewed include: Matt de la Peña Robie H. Harris Susan Kuklin David Levithan Meg Medina Lesléa Newman Katherine Paterson Dav Pilkey Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell Sonya Sones R. L. Stine Angie Thomas.

katherine paterson biography: *Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates* April Jones Prince, 2017-11-21 While pirates Papa, Mama, and Baby are away from their seaworthy sloop, Goldilocks comes aboard and makes herself useful.

katherine paterson biography: Acting Out Avi, Susan Cooper, Sharon Creech, 2008-06-17
Six one-act plays by six Newbery Medal-winning authors.

katherine paterson biography: What Was the First Thanksgiving? Joan Holub, Who HQ, 2013-08-15
Learn more about the history of the feast that started off as a harvest celebration and has now become a national holiday. After their first harvest in 1621, the Pilgrims at Plymouth shared a three-day feast with their Native American neighbors. Of course, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag didn't know it at the time, but they were making history.

katherine paterson biography: Everything Sad Is Untrue Daniel Nayeri, 2020-08-25
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