The Victorian Iconoclast: E. Nesbit, Author and Creator of The Railway Children

E. Nesbit was a prolific and influential author of the Victorian era. She is best known for her children's books, including *The Railway Children*, *Five Children and It*, and *The Story of the Amulet*. Nesbit's work was groundbreaking in its time, and she is considered one of the pioneers of children's literature.

Early Life and Education

E. Nesbit was born in London, England, on August 15, 1858. Her father was a civil engineer, and her mother was a writer. Nesbit was a bright and curious child, and she loved to read. She was educated at home, and she began writing at a young age.



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Career

Nesbit's first novel, *My Uncle Hilary*, was published in 1891. The novel was a critical and commercial success, and it established Nesbit as a leading author of children's literature. Nesbit went on to write more than 60 books, including several other children's classics, such as *The Railway Children* (1906), *Five Children and It* (1902), and *The Story of the Amulet* (1906).

Nesbit's books were groundbreaking in their time for their realistic portrayal of children's lives. She wrote about children who were not always well-behaved or perfect, and she explored complex themes such as death, loss, and poverty. Nesbit's books were also full of humor and adventure, and they captured the imaginations of millions of young readers.

Personal Life

Nesbit was married twice. Her first husband, Hubert Bland, was a socialist and journalist. The couple had five children together. Nesbit's second husband, James Harrison, was a publisher. The couple had no children.

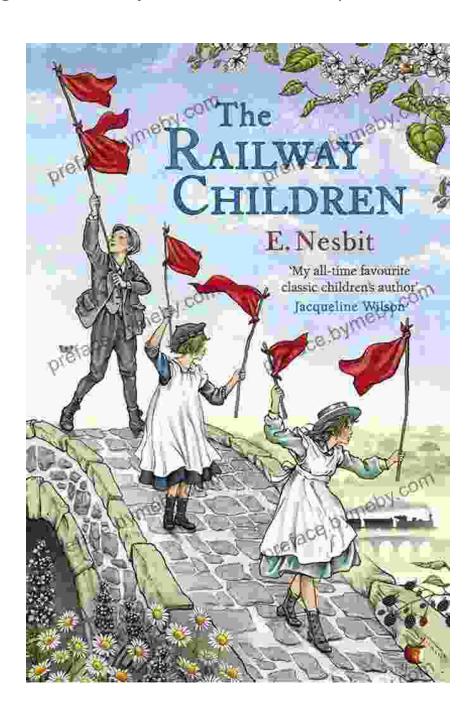
Nesbit was a strong advocate for women's rights and social justice. She was a member of the Fabian Society, a socialist organization, and she wrote several articles and essays on the rights of women and children.

Legacy

E. Nesbit died on May 4, 1924, at the age of 65. She is buried in St. Mary's Churchyard in Buckinghamshire, England. Nesbit's work has been translated into more than 20 languages, and it continues to be enjoyed by

children and adults alike. She is considered one of the most important authors of children's literature, and her work has had a profound impact on the genre.

E. Nesbit was a groundbreaking and influential author who made a significant contribution to children's literature. Her work is still enjoyed by millions of readers today, and her legacy as an author and advocate for women's rights and social justice continues to inspire.





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