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Cynthia Rylant is an American writer and an important author of various forms of literature for children and young adults beginning in the 1980s. She is capable of stirring interest and emotion in readers with natural but well-chosen words. Rylant won the 1993 Newbery Medal for her book *Missing May* ("Cynthia Rylant" [*Britannica School*]).

Rylant was born in Virginia in 1954, but spent much of her childhood living in a small town in West Virginia with her grandparents. In West Virginia, she received a bachelor's degree in English from Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) in 1975, a master's degree from Marshall University in 1976, and a master's degree in library science from Kent State University in Ohio in 1982 ("Cynthia Rylant" [*Britannica School*]).

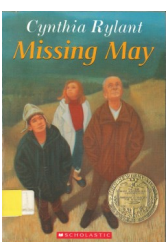
She became interested in literature in college; working in the children's section at the library, she discovered classics like *Charlotte's Web*. These first experiences with children's and young adult literature inspired her to write her own stories ("Cynthia Rylant" [*Ohio Reading*]). Rylant's series of picture books about a boy and his dog debuted in 1987 with *Henry and Mudge*. Her other series include *Poppleton*, *Annie and the Snowball* and *The High-Rise Private Eyes* ("Cynthia Rylant" [*Britannica School*]).

Despite a notable career, she says she doesn't know if she'll be a writer all her life. "It seems like a long time to keep writing books, a whole lifetime." It took Cynthia Rylant a while to discover books, and even longer to discover writing. Still, they mean the world to her, and she uses her stories to share her memories with others ("Cynthia Rylant" [*Ohio Reading*]).

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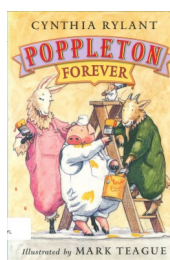


Missing May

1993 Newbery Medal 

Call number: F RYL

After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.



Poppleton Forever

Call number: P RYL

Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better.