

**Rodman Philbrick** is an American writer of novels for adults and children. He was born in Boston in 1951. Before he began writing full-time, he worked as longshoreman and boat builder.

He wrote his first novel when he was sixteen. He published mystery and suspense novels for adults for a number of years before he wrote his first book for young readers. That book, *Freak the Mighty*, won numerous awards such as the *ALA Best Books for Young Adults* (1994) and *Maryland Children's Books Award* (1998). It was made into the feature film, *The Mighty*. *Freak the Mighty* has become a standard reading choice in thousands of classrooms worldwide, with nearly three million copies in print. Since then, he wrote more and more books for young students.

The books of Rodman Philbrick always present adventurous stories of individuals facing difficult challenges that must be overcome. Many of his books are used in classrooms for teachers to foster discussions among students about the challenges his books describe and how these challenges relate to students' lives. He published more than 40 books. In addition to publishing under his own name, he has also published under the pen names of William Dantz and Chris Jordan.

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***Freak the Mighty***

1998 Maryland Children's Book Award  
1994 ALA Best Books for Young Adults

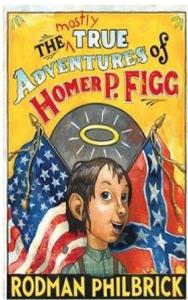
A brilliant, emotionally charged novel about two boys. One is a slow learner, too large for his age, and the other is a tiny, disabled genius. The two pair up to create one formidable human force known as "Freak the Mighty".



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***Max the Mighty***

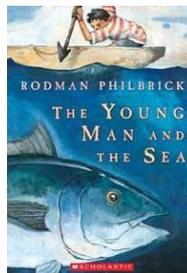
The sequel to *Freak the Mighty*. Fourteen-year-old Max is back and he finds himself defending a solitary girl nicknamed "Worm" against a cruel man known as the Undertaker. Against all odds, the teens embark on a perilous journey in search of Worm's father, and must face something more frightening than death itself.



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***The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg***

Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army.



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***Young Man and the Sea***

After his mother's death, twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman decides that it is up to him to earn money to take care of himself and his father, so he undertakes a dangerous trip alone out on the ocean off the coast of Maine to try to catch a huge bluefin tuna.