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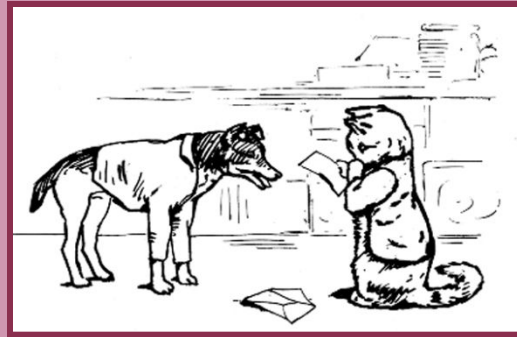
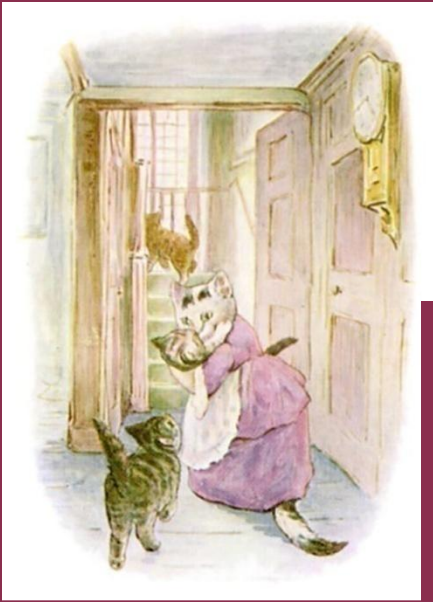
HELEN BEATRIX
POTTER

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Helen Beatrix Potter was born on 6th July 1866. She was born in London. She was an only daughter of rather rich parents. She did not go to school but had classes at home.

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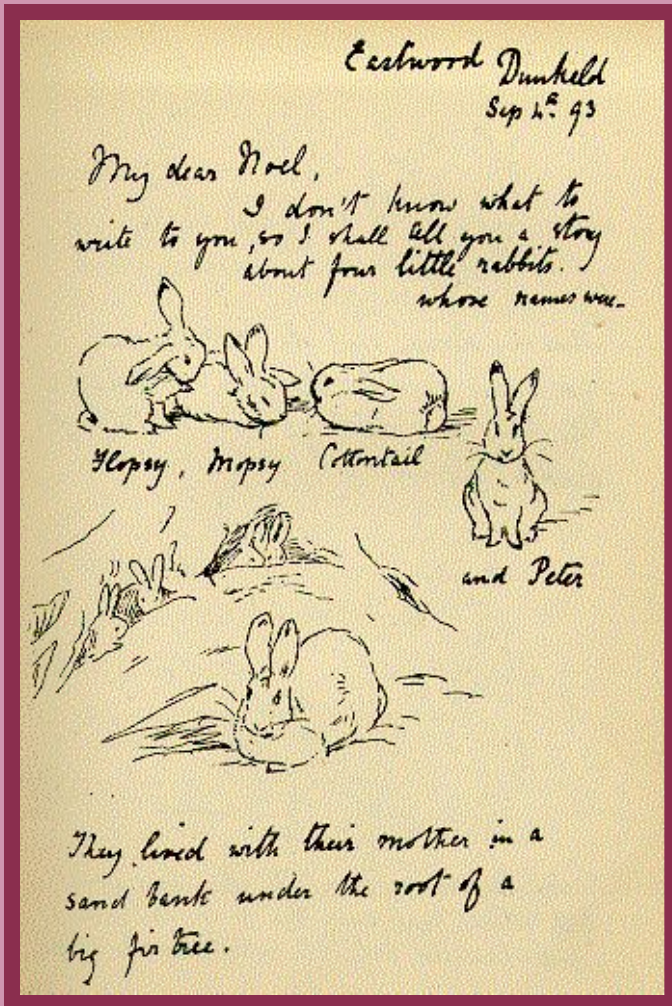


Beatrix was fond of animals and drawing. From a small child she did hundreds of drawings of plants and animals and learned to do it very well. She often illustrated her letters to child friends with little animal drawings and told them stories about these animals.

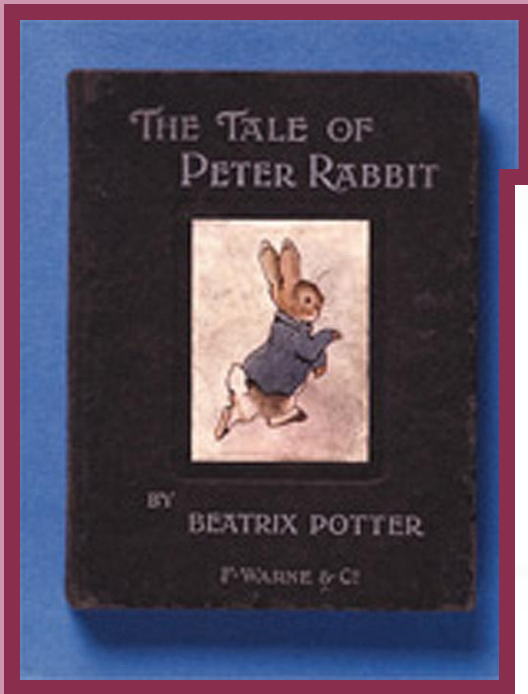
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She had a lot of small pets at home:a dog,a family of snails,mice,a rabbit,bats and a hedgehog.

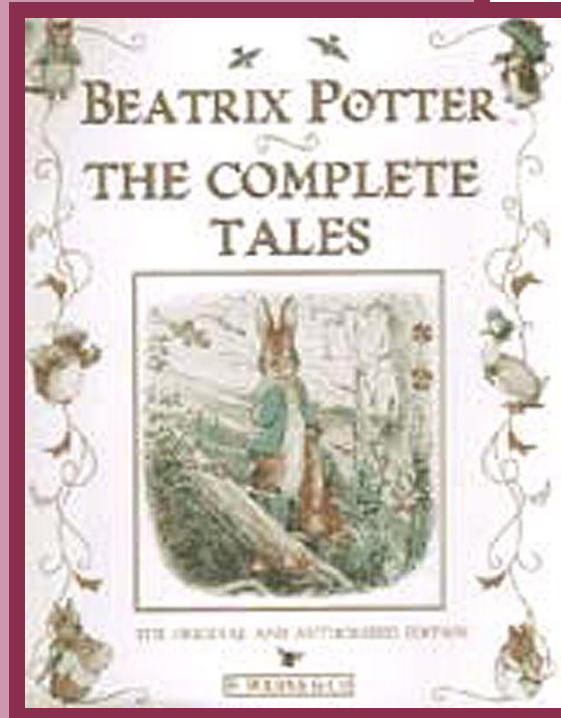
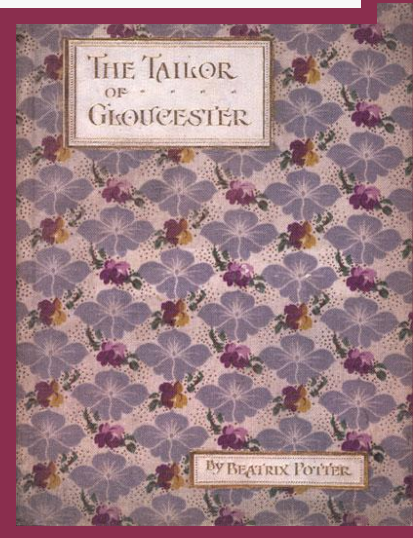


One day in 1893 she wrote to a little boy called Noel Moor. The boy was ill and she wanted to please him and humour him. The letter began with the words: «I don't know what to write to you so I shall tell you a story about four little rabbits whose names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and Peter.»



She told the story of Peter Rabbit and illustrated it with lovely little drawings. Eight years later Beatrix Potter remembered the letter and the story and wrote her now famous children`s book «The Tale of Peter Rabbit». The book was very successful and Beatrix Potter became a professional children`s writer.

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Potter wrote and illustrated a total of 28 books, including the 23 Tales, the little books, that have been translated into more than 35 languages and sold over 100 million copies.

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For many years not children in England and other countries have enjoyed her stories about mice,kittens,ducks,squirrels,hedgehogs and rabbits.

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And her perfect illustrations made her books even better.
Although she died in 1943, Beatrix Potter is still one of the world`s
best-selling and best-loved children`s authors.

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