

SOME OF THE WRITERS, COMPOSERS, MUSICIANS, ENTERTAINERS AND IMPORTANT PERSONS APPRECIATED BY FLEABRAIN AND FRANNY

Bud Abbott, October 2, 1895,–April 24, 1974, was an American comic entertainer who worked in radio and film in the 1940's and 1950's with his partner, Lou Costello.

Louisa May Alcott, November 29, 1832 –March 6, 1888, was an American writer best known for her novel *Little Women*.

Jane Austen, December 12, 1775-July 18, 1817, was an English writer.

J.M. Barrie, May 9,1860–June 19,1937, was a Scottish writer, best known as the creator of the play *Peter Pan*.

L. Frank Baum, May 15, 1856 – May 6, 1919, was an American children's author, best known for his book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

Ludwig van Beethoven, December 16,1770-March 26,1827, was a German composer.

Edgar Bergen, February 16, 1903–September 30, 1978, was an American actor and ventriloquist, and the creator of the famous dummy *Charlie McCarthy*.

Ingrid Bergman, August 29,1915–August 29,1982, was a Swedish actress who starred in many Hollywood films.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, March 6, 1806-June 29, 1861, was a British poet.

John (Jack) Brymer, January 27, 1915–September 15, 2003 was an English clarinetist.

Caligula, August 31, 12 AD - January 24, 41 AD, was a Roman Emperor.

Lewis Carroll, born Charles L. Dodgson, January 27, 1832-January 14, 1898, was an English writer.

Nat King Cole, March 17,1919–February 15,1965 was an American singer and musician.

William Congreve, January 24,1670 -January 19, 1729, was an English writer.

Lou Costello, March 6, 1906 – March 3, 1959, was an American comic entertainer who worked in radio and film in the 1940's and 1950's with his partner, Bud Abbott.

René Descartes, March 31, 1596-February 11, 1650, was a French philosopher.

Charles Dickens, February 7, 1812 – June 9, 1870, was an English novelist.

Emily Dickinson, December 10, 1830 – May 15, 1886, was an American poet.

Walt Disney, December 5, 1901 – December 15, 1966, was an American producer of many popular animated films, including *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (1937) and *Cinderella* (1950).

Albert Einstein, March 14, 1879 –April 18,1955, was a German-born physicist who developed the theory of relativity. He became a U.S. citizen in 1940.

Elizabeth II, April 21, 1926, is the Queen of England and Head of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Walter Farley, June 26,1915–16 October 1989, was an American writer, best known for his first book, *The Black Stallion*.

Julius Fučík, July 18, 1872-September 15, 1916, was a Czech composer.

Zane Grey, January 31, 1872 – October 23, 1939, was the American author of stories about the American frontier, including *The Lone Star Ranger*. This work inspired the Lone Ranger radio series, 1933-1954, as well as comic books of that era.

Hippocrates, 460 BC-370 BC, was a physician in ancient Greece.

Laura Lee Hope is the pseudonym for the author of *The Bobbsey Twins Series*. Readers were unaware that each book was ghostwritten by one of several different authors.

James Howell, 1594-1666, was an English writer.

Langston Hughes, February 1, 1902-May 22,1967, was an American poet, novelist and playwright.

James Joyce, February 2, 1882 –January 13,1941, was an Irish writer.

Franz Kafka, July 3, 1883 – June 3, 1924, was a writer from Prague, Czechoslovakia, (when it was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire), who wrote in German.

Gene Kelly, August 23, 1912-February 2, 1996, was an American dancer and movie star.

Mario Lanza, January 31, 1921-October 7, 1959 was an American tenor.

David L. Lawrence, June 18, 1889-November 21, 1966. Mayor of Pittsburgh from 1946 through 1959. Also Governor of Pittsburgh, 1959-1963.

Rosa Harning Lebensboym, 1887-1952, pen name **Anna Margolin**, was a Yiddish poet born in Russia, who settled in the U.S. in 1913 where she wrote most of her poetry.

Lucretius, 99 BC – 55 BC, was a Roman poet and philosopher best known for his revolutionary work *De Rerum Natura (On the Nature of Things)* describing a world filled with atoms and nothingness.

Isaac Luria, 1534-July 25, 1572, was an esteemed rabbi, Jewish scholar and mystic, of Palestine and Egypt.

Herman Melville, August 1, 1819 – September 28, 1891, was the American writer of the novel *Moby Dick*, and other works.

L.M. Montgomery, November 30, 1874 - April 24,1942, was a Canadian writer best known for her novel *Anne of Green Gables*.

Pablo Neruda, July 12, 1904–September 23, 1973 was a Chilean poet, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971.

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, October 15, 1844 - August 25, 1900, was a German philosopher.

Mary O'Hara, July 10, 1885 – October 14, 1980, was an American writer, best known for her novel, *My Friend Flicka*.

Edgar Allan Poe, January 19, 1809-October 7, 1849, was an American writer.

Giacomo Puccini, December 22,1858 –November 29,1924, was an Italian opera composer.

Rashi, an acronym for Rabbi Shlomo Itzhaki, February 22, 1040 -July 13, 1105, was a French rabbi and scholar, esteemed, then and now, for his commentary on Jewish religious texts.

Rumi, September 9, 1207-December 17, 1273, was a Persian poet.

Anna Sewell, March 30, 1820–April 25,1878 was an English writer, best known for the novel, *Black Beauty*.

William Shakespeare, April 26, 1564-May 3,1616, was an English poet and playwright.

Joe Shuster, July 10, 1914 – July 30, 1992, the Canadian-American illustrator who who co-created *Superman*, the first comic book superhero, with American writer Jerry Siegel, in 1933.

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John Steinbeck, March 30,1820 – 25 April 1878) was an American writer, the author of *The Red Pony* and other renowned works.

Robert Louis Stevenson, November 13,1850–December 3, 1894, was a Scottish writer,

the author of the novel *Treasure Island* as well as many others.

George Washington, February 22, 1732, December 14, 1799, was the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783, and the first President of the United States, 1789-1797.

E.B. White, July 11, 1899-October 1, 1985, was an American writer, the author of *Charlotte's Web* and other renowned works.

Henri Wieniawski, July 10, 1835-March 31, 1880, was a Polish composer and violinist .

Oscar Wilde, October 16, 1854-November 30,1900, was an Irish writer.

Laura Ingalls Wilder, February 7, 1867–February 10, 1957, was an American writer, well-known for her *Little House* series based on her own childhood.

Garth Williams, April 16, 1912-May 8, 1996, was an American artist, best known for his illustrations of beloved children's books.