



Name: Elwyn Brooks "E. B." White

Years: July 11, 1899 – October 1, 1985 (aged 86)

Residence: Mount Vernon, New York

Brief Biography: Born Elwyn Brooks White on July 11, 1899 in Mount Vernon, New York. His parents named him Elwyn Brooks White, yet he disliked the name tremendously. White attended Cornell University, serving as the editor for the school's newspaper, before graduating in 1921. After graduation, White pursued a career in journalism, working for the *United Press* and the *Seattle Times* before landing a position at *The New Yorker* in 1927. White would work for *The New Yorker* magazine for the remainder of his career. White also met his wife, Katharine, who worked as an editor and writer for *The New Yorker*; they were married in 1929.

Aside from his work with *The New Yorker*, in the late 1930's White began his career as a children's fiction author. His first children's book, *Stuart Little*, was published in 1945. During the late 1930's, his family spent most of their time at their Maine farmhouse. White spotted a spider spinning an egg sac in his barn, ultimately providing the inspiration for his most beloved work, *Charlotte's Web*, published in 1952. White continued

to write for adults as well, publishing *Here in New York* in 1948, and his revised version of William Strunk Jr.'s, *Elements of Style* in 1959.

White continued to write poems and essays, publishing a collection in 1977. The same year White was devastated by the loss of his wife, Katharine. On October 1, 1985, White died at his home in North Brooklin, Maine, he had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Major Accomplishments: *Stuart Little* (1945), *Here Is New York* (1949), *Charlotte's Web* (1952), *The Elements of Style* (1959), *Points of My Compass* (1962), *Presidential Medal of Freedom* (1963), *The Trumpet of the Swan* (1970), *Letters of E.B. White* (1976), *Pulitzer Prize special citation* (1978), and *Poems and Sketches of E.B. White* (1981).

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