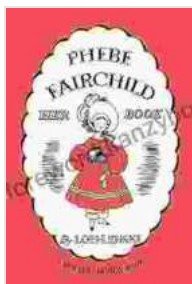


Phebe Fairchild: Her Lois Lenski



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Phebe Fairchild, born on January 24, 1896, in Springfield, Massachusetts, was a prolific American author and illustrator whose works have delighted generations of children. Best known for her iconic character "Strawberry Girl," Fairchild's books have sold millions of copies worldwide, leaving an enduring mark on the world of children's literature.

Early Life and Education

Growing up in a family of artists, Fairchild's love for drawing and storytelling emerged at an early age. Encouraged by her parents, she attended the Massachusetts Normal Art School in Boston, where she honed her artistic skills and developed a passion for teaching.

The Birth of Lois Lenski

In 1918, while teaching art at a Boston elementary school, Fairchild created a character named Lois Lenski, inspired by a curious and adventurous girl

she had observed in her classroom. Lenski, with her signature red hair and freckles, became the protagonist of a series of books that would captivate young readers.

Fairchild's stories about Lois Lenski revolved around everyday experiences that children could relate to, such as going to school, playing with friends, and exploring the world around them. Through her vivid illustrations and engaging narratives, Fairchild depicted a world that was both familiar and magical.

Success and Recognition

Fairchild's Lois Lenski books quickly gained popularity, earning her critical acclaim and numerous awards. In 1946, she received the prestigious Newbery Award for her book "Strawberry Girl," which tells the story of a young girl who discovers the beauty and wonder of nature through her adventures in a strawberry field.

Throughout her career, Fairchild authored and illustrated over 80 books, many of which featured the beloved character of Lois Lenski. Her works were translated into over 20 languages, reaching children around the globe.

Educational Legacy

Beyond her literary contributions, Fairchild was also a dedicated educator. She believed that children should be exposed to the arts and creative expression, and she actively promoted art education in schools.

Fairchild's books were widely used in classrooms as teaching tools, inspiring young minds and fostering a love of reading. Her work continues

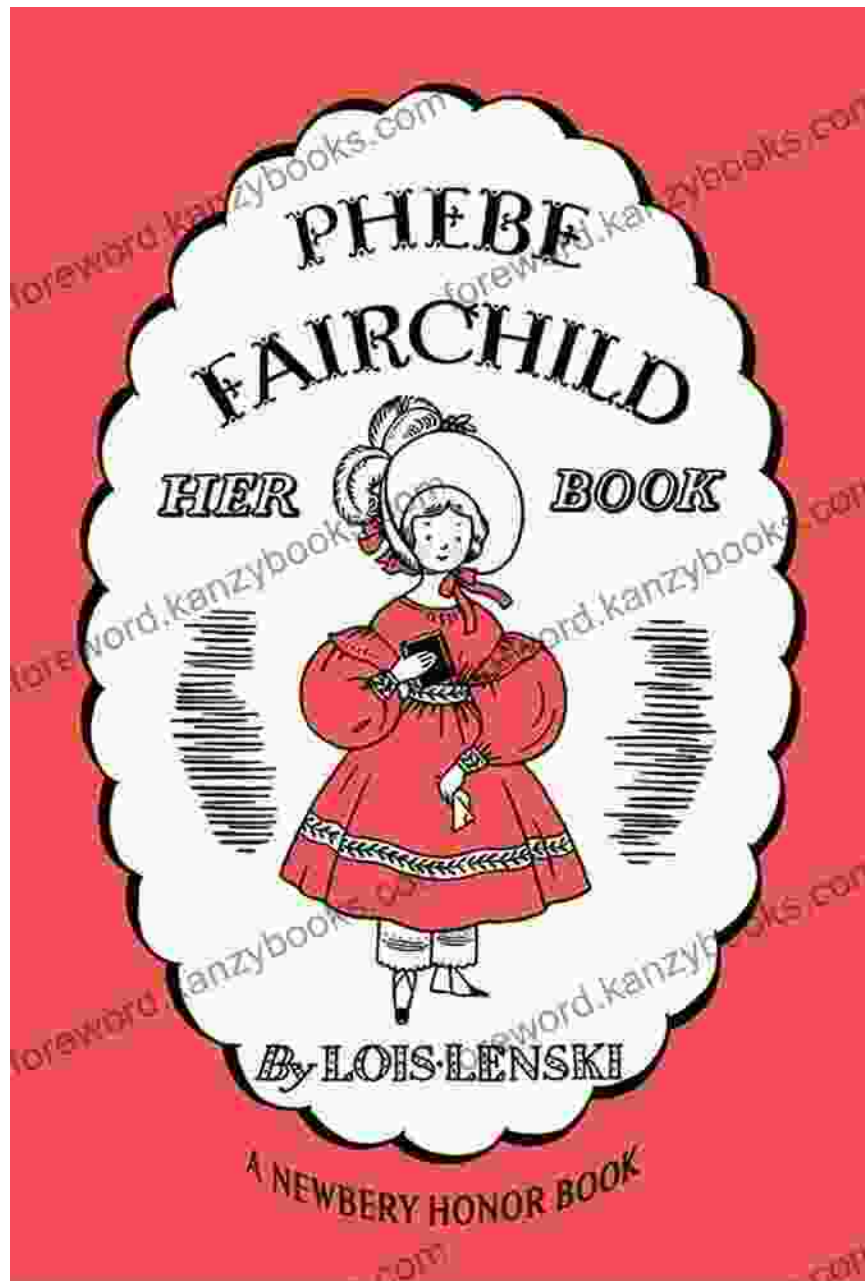
to be celebrated in schools and libraries today, educating and enchanting new generations of readers.

Personal Life and Legacy

Phebe Fairchild married Arthur Fairchild in 1924. The couple had two children, Lois and Arthur Jr. Fairchild passed away on October 18, 1986, at the age of 90, leaving behind a rich legacy as one of the most celebrated children's book authors and illustrators of all time.

Phebe Fairchild's books continue to be cherished by children and adults alike. Her ability to capture the innocence, curiosity, and imagination of childhood has made her characters timeless and universally beloved. As Lois Lenski says in one of her stories, "There's always something to discover, if you keep your eyes open."

And so, the legacy of Phebe Fairchild lives on through her unforgettable characters and the generations of readers whose lives she has touched.

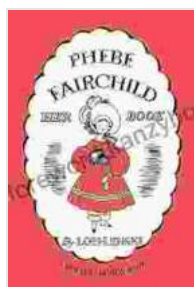


Phebe Fairchild, the beloved author and illustrator who brought joy to millions of children through her timeless works.

"Phebe Fairchild's books are a gift to the world. They inspire a love of reading, creativity, and the beauty of the natural world." - Joan Bauer, Newbery Award-winning author

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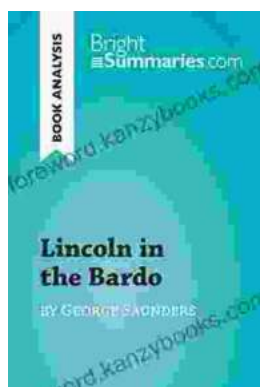
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