

Happy Birthday Robert Munsch!

Robert Munsch turns 70 on June 11! He is one of the most well known children's author's who writes with spunk and animation! His first books, *Mudd Puddle* and *The Dark*, were published in 1979 and the runaway best seller *Love You Forever* was first published in 1986. When Robert was in elementary school he spent his time writing poetry; funny poems, silly poems, and many more! From the first time he stood in front of a group of children as a student teacher at a nursery school in 1972, his jaunty, animated presentation grabbed a hold of the imaginations of his listeners and he hasn't let go since. Robert Munsch now lives in Ontario and continues to perform his own tales - often without advance notice - for day care centers, schools, and libraries.



During the story: How you read his stories to your children will have a big impact on how it will be received. Be sure to follow the text cues, and place emphasis where emphasis is due. Don't be afraid to really shout, or put extra panache into the sound effects. **"BLUMPH!", "GAWCK!", "AAAAAAAHHHHH!"**

If you still aren't sure, you can listen to Robert Munsch telling the story to a live audience at the official Robert Munsch website (www.robertmunsch.com).

After the story: Use books as the foundation of activities. Read *We Share Everything* and talk about items that are good to share and not good to share!

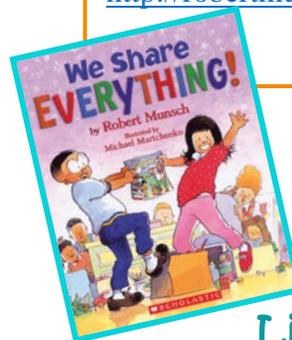


Top 10 Robert Munsch Books!

- Love You Forever
- The Paper Bag Princess
- Thomas' Snowsuit
- The Fire Station
- I Have To Go!
- A Promise is a Promise
- We Share Everything!
- Ribbon Rescue
- Lighthouse
- Smelly Socks

Visit Robert Munsch's Site to find more great poems and stories!

<http://robertmunsch.com/books>



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