

Charlotte's Web

By

E.B. White

Some information about the author:

1899 Elwyn Brooks White (E. B. White) was born on July 11, 1899 in Mount Vernon, New York.

1921 White graduated from Cornell University.

1922-23 Worked as a reporter for the *Seattle Times*

1927 White became a contributing editor for the *New Yorker* magazine

1929 White published a collection of poetry entitled *The Lady is Cold*

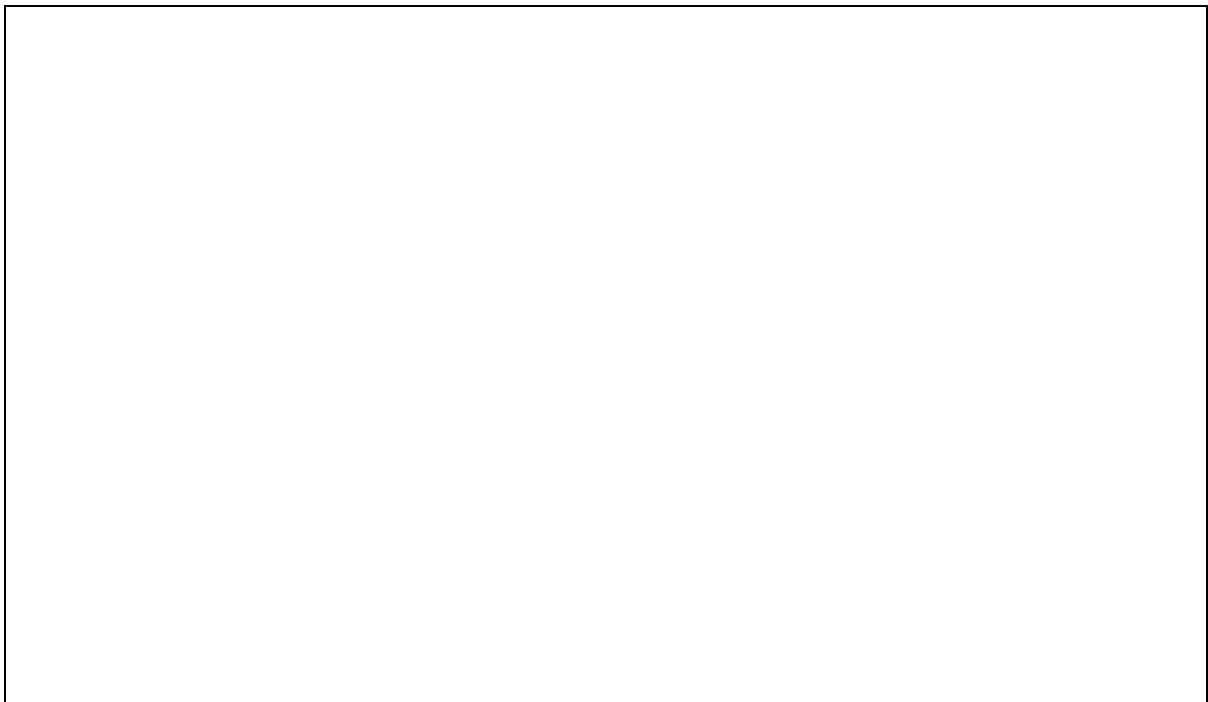
1929 In the same year, White married Katherine Sergeant Angell, the marriage produced one son.

1945 White wrote and published *Stuart Little* for children. *Stuart Little* is a story about a little mouse. The theme of the story is that it's okay to be different.

1952 *Charlotte's Web* is published and is now considered a classic children's story. The main themes are the power of friendship and that death is part of life.

1985 E. B. White died on October 1st in North Brooklin, Maine. ¹

Do a Google search for E. B. White and draw a picture of him in the space below. Be creative!



Read Chapter 1 and then answer the questions

1. Look up the word *arable* in the dictionary and write its meaning.

2. How does the definition of this word relate to John Arable's job as a farmer?

3. Describe what the author meant when he wrote "The grass was wet and the earth smelled of springtime." Imagine you are on the Arable's farm and describe the smells of springtime.

4. Draw a picture below of John Arable, Mrs Arable, Avery, Fern and Wilbur the piglet outside the Arable family home. Use your imagination.

