

# THE FAIRY TALES OF KATHARINE LEE BATES

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## *Author/Illustrator Study*

### ***KATHARINE LEE BATES (1859-1929)***

Katharine Lee Bates was a professor of English Literature at Wellesley College in 1921 when she compiled a collection of classic fairy tales. Bates had been a summer lecturer at Colorado College in 1893 when she traveled to the top of Pikes Peak and overwhelmed by the view, wrote the poem that became “America the Beautiful.” In her own words....



*"One day some of the other teachers and I decided to go on a trip to 14,000-foot Pikes Peak. We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse."*

Bates was raised in Falmouth, Massachusetts. She later moved to Granitville, now known as Wellesley Hills. She studied at Oxford in England and died in her home in Wellesley in 1929. Bates was a teacher, poet and author.

For a listing of her works, visit: <http://www.falmouthhistoricalsociety.org/klb-data.htm#Writings>

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### ***MARGARET EVANS PRICE (1888-1973)***

Margaret Evans Price illustrated Bates’s collection of classic fairy tales and many other children’s books. She was also the wife of Irving Price who served as mayor of East Aurora, NY and worked with him and his partners in the founding of Fisher-Price, Inc.

**For more information on Katharine Lee Bates and Margaret Evans Price,  
visit the following Websites:**

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