

AUTHOR FUN FACTS

Born

November 29 in New York City

Education

Smith College, The New School, Columbia University

Jobs

Librarian, actress

Hobbies

Traveling, reading, playing the piano, and cooking

AUTHOR STUDY ACTIVITY

After reading several of Madeleine L'Engle's books, including the Newbery Award-winning *A Wrinkle in Time*, divide class into groups and ask that each group put on a play reenacting their favorite scene or scenes from one of the books.

YEARLING

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CLASSICS

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MADELEINE L'ENGLE

Madeleine L'Engle was born in New York City. Her father was a journalist who had been a foreign correspondent; her mother was a musician. The house was filled with her parents' friends: artists, writers, and musicians.

When she was 12, L'Engle moved with her family to the French Alps in search of purer air for her father's lungs. She was sent to an English boarding school. When she was 14, her family returned to America and she went to boarding school once again, Ashley Hall in Charleston, South Carolina—which she loved. When she was 17, her father died.

L'Engle spent the next four years at Smith College. After graduating cum laude, she and an assortment of friends moved to an apartment in Greenwich Village and went to work in the theater.

L'Engle married and retired from the stage and moved to northwest Connecticut where she opened a general store. There she and her husband raised three children—Josephine, Maria, and Bion. L'Engle's first book in the Austin quintet, *Meet the Austins*, an ALA Notable Children's Book, has strong parallels with her life in the country.

For more information on Madeleine L'Engle, visit www.madeleinelengle.com



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DELVE INTO THE BOOKS!

Madeleine L'Engle's time-travel adventure novels call upon readers to think about the battle between good and evil. L'Engle brilliantly deals with this and other themes such as love, courage, and family relationships—themes that are as important today as when *A Wrinkle in Time* was written over three decades ago.

A Swiftly Tilting Planet
0-440-40158-5

A Wind in the Door
0-440-48761-7

A Wrinkle in Time
0-440-49805-8

Many Waters
0-440-40548-3

