

AUTHOR FUN FACTS

Born

March 20 in Honolulu

Education

Brown University, University of Southern Maine

Family

Four children (one deceased) and four grandchildren (three boys, one girl)

Pets

Tibetan terrier named Bandit

Hobbies

Flower gardens, movies, reading, Red Sox watching

Favorite . . .

. . . Foods: Mexican, Chinese

AUTHOR STUDY ACTIVITY

After reading several of Lois Lowry's works, have students become the author and rewrite the ending of the book of their choice. How might *Number the Stars* have ended differently? Or how could the story be extended?

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LOIS LOWRY



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Whether she's writing comedy, adventure, or poignant, powerful drama—from *Attaboy, Sam!* and *Anastasia Krupnik* to *Number the Stars* and *The Giver*—Lois Lowry's appeal is as broad as her subject matter and as deep as her desire to affect an eager generation of readers. Lois Lowry has written over 20 books for young readers and is a two-time Newbery Medal winner.

Lois Lowry was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and attended junior high school in Tokyo, Japan. Her father was a dentist for the U.S. Army and his job entailed a lot of traveling. Lowry still likes to travel.

At the age of 17, Lowry attended Brown University and majored in writing. She left school at 19, got married, and had four children before her 25th birthday. After some time, she returned to college and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Maine.

Lois Lowry didn't start writing professionally until she was in her mid-30s. Now she spends time writing every single day. Before she begins writing a book, she usually knows the beginning and end of her story. When she's not writing, Lowry enjoys gardening during the spring and summer and knitting during the winter. One of her other hobbies is photography, and her own photos grace the covers of *Number the Stars*, *The Giver*, and *Gathering Blue*.

Lois Lowry has four children and four grandchildren. She lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



DELVE INTO THE BOOKS!

Number the Stars and some of the other Lowry books delve into social issues. Talk about the similarities and differences in how Lowry tackles these issues in her various works.

All About Sam
0-440-40221-2

Anastasia Absolutely
0-440-41222-6

Anastasia Again
0-440-40009-0

Anastasia at This Address
0-440-40652-8

Anastasia at Your Service
0-440-40290-5

Anastasia Has the Answers
0-440-40087-2

Anastasia Krupnik
0-440-40852-0

Anastasia on Her Own
0-440-40291-3

Anastasia's Chosen Career
0-440-40100-3

Attaboy, Sam!
0-440-40816-4

Autumn Street
0-440-40344-8

Gooney Bird Greene
0-440-41960-3

Number the Stars
0-440-40327-8

See You Around, Sam!
0-440-41400-8

Stay! Keeper's Story
0-440-41524-1

Zooman Sam
0-440-41676-0