

Bill Peet - Spencer County's connection to Disney

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the book that Peet admits represents Walt

Disney — a self-absorbed, ruthless circus clown who exploits Chester's talents for gain.)



But by the end of the book, Chester is back in safety, eating his fill on a farm. One day the farmer discovers something remarkable about his enormous pig — the markings on his body resemble a map of the world. "Those markings were on the pig from the beginning," wrote Peet, "just as my ambition to illustrate books was always there."

BILL PEET'S BOOK AWARDS:

Lifetime Achievement Award-Southern California Booksellers Association 1999
Caldecott Honor Book 1990
Society of Children's Book Writers Golden Kite Award
Colorado Children's Book Award 1986 and 1975
Recognition of Merit-Claremont Graduate School 1985
Significant Author Award-California Reading Association 1983
Southern California Booksellers Award 1981
Young Readers Medal-California Reading Association 1980 and 1976
Georgia Children's Picture Storybook Award 1979
Golden Archer Award-University of Wisconsin 1978 and 1977

Children's book Award-California Reading Association 1975

Southern California Council of Literature for Children and Young People 1967

Indiana Children's Literature Award 1966
FILM AWARDS:

Pioneer Award

For Innovation in the Field of Animation
Vintage Animation 1994

Annie Award

For Distinguished Contribution in the Field of Animation

International Animated Film Society 1981

Find more information about Bill Peet by visiting www.billpeet.net, a website managed by his son, William Peet, Jr. Visit your local Spencer County Library to find extensive collections of Bill Peet's children's books and the Disney films he helped create. All of his books are still in active printing and available at booksellers; most 20th century Disney films are available for purchase.

Bill Peet died May 11, 2002. He was 87 years old. His last book was *Cock-a-doodle Dudley*, 1991. He was interred at Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Hollywood Hills), where he rests with many other Disney cartooning legends, including Walt Disney.

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