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JAY WILLIAMS was born in Buffalo in 1914, lived for a while in Rochester and finished high school in New York City. He attended the University of Pennsylvania briefly and returned to New York in 1933.

He entered the Army early in 1941, got married and began writing a book for children. He served with the 65th Infantry Division from 1943 to 1945; after his discharge, he and his wife settled in Redding, Connecticut, where they still live.

The Williams family, which includes a son and a daughter, does a great deal of traveling both in this country and abroad. While at home, Mr. Williams' community activities have included five years as a Cubmaster and participation in many civic organizations. He is the author of many books for young people, two books of non-fiction, and a number of historical novels. In addition, his poems, stories, and articles have appeared in many magazines.

Mr. Williams has long loved the sea and ships and has been a ship-model maker for years.