

*About the author of this book:*

MARGARET COUSINS was born in Munday, Texas, a small western town, and had an enormously happy childhood, surrounded by horses, fox-terrier dogs and mesquite trees. She can't remember when she learned to read or when she didn't want to be a writer. She was educated in the schools of Dallas and at the University of Texas and shortly thereafter migrated to New York. She has contributed short stories to the popular magazine press for the past ten years, and is at present Managing Editor of Good House-keeping Magazine.

Benjamin Franklin is an old friend of hers. She read his Autobiography at the age of ten, having got it out of the library by mistake. Even then, Franklin struck her as just the sort of person she'd like to have for a friend. She has never recovered from this feeling about him.

*About the illustrator of this book:*

Born in Cologne, Germany, in 1901, FRITZ EICHENBERG started as a lithographer's apprentice. He studied at the Academy of Graphic Arts in Leipzig under Professor Steiner-Prag, and then traveled as an artist-correspondent for magazines and newspapers. He came to the United States in 1933, and since then has illustrated more than fifty books for adults and children. His lithographs and wood engravings are in major print collections (Library of Congress, New York Public Library and others). Mr. Eichenberg received the Joseph Pennell Memorial Medal for distinguished work in Graphic Arts in 1944.