

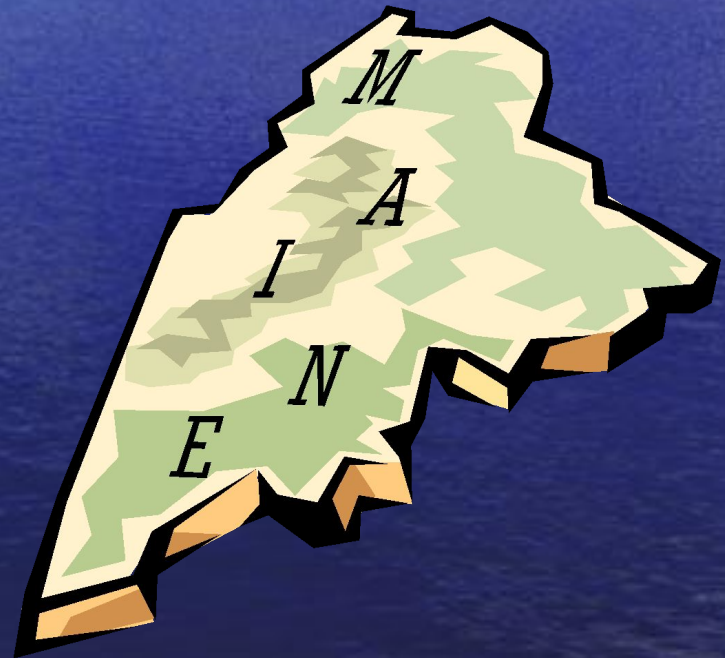
A black and white portrait of Stephen King, wearing glasses and a dark shirt, looking slightly to the right. The text "STEPHEN KING" is overlaid in a large, red, jagged, gothic-style font.

STEPHEN KING

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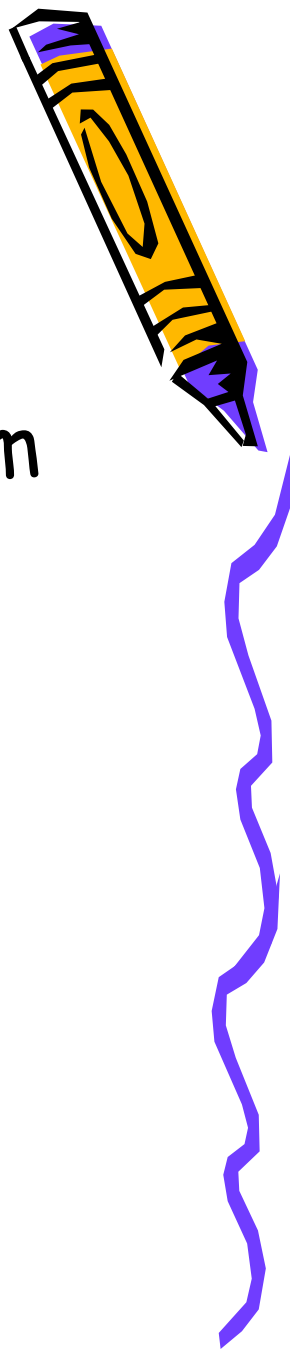
Facts

- **Stephen King was born on September 21, 1947 in Portland, Maine.**
- **He was a very successful writer.**



Home Life

- Wrote his first stories for his mom and she paid him a quarter a piece
- He was bored and isolated at his farm house so he began to write



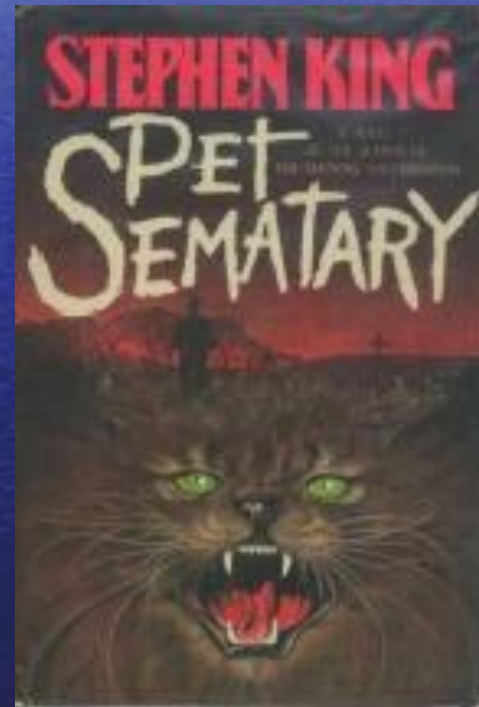
Family

- Wife, Tabitha King
- Three children, Naomi Rachel, Joe Hill, and Owen Phillip



Fun Facts

- Believe it or not, the King of horror is terrified of rats, insects, and funerals
- He got the idea for the novel *Pet Semetary* when his cat Smucky was killed by a car



Accomplishments

- He won many awards including the Hugo award, the O. Henry award, and received a medal for distinguished Contribution to American letters from the National Book Foundation



Growing Up

- Stephen was considered a miracle baby when he was born
- When he was only 2 years old his father left his family
- He grew up in a two story farm house with no running water or bathroom



Interests

- Stephen King played football in highschool
- Played Guitar in a band
- Was a teacher for English

Writing Style

- He Begins a story woth no idea of how th story will end
- His best writing comes from free

Baseball

- He was a big fan of the Boston Red Sox
- HE helped coach his sons west team to the Maine Little League Championship in 1989
- Mansfield Stadium, a little league ballpark, was opened through the donations of King and his wife

Schooling

- 1966 to 1971
- He studied at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine
- He had a teaching degree

Car Accident

- On June 19, 1999 at about 4:30PM he was walking facing traffic and he was struck and nearly killed

Quotes

- “In the vast class of victims there is a subclass: the victim of victims”
- “People want to know why I do this, why I write such gross stuff. I tell them I have a heart of a small boy... And I keep it in a jar on my desk,”

Popular Novels



- 1974 Carrie
- 1979 Salem's Lot
- 1977 The Shining
- 1986 IT

Facts About Novels

- Over 100 million copies of his books are now in print and can be read in 32 different languages.
- He made 85 novels or more

Recent Years

- HE is 55 years old
- HE has two grandchildren
- HE has two new puppies