

FYI About the Author

Astrid Lindgren was born in 1907 in the small town of Smaland, Sweden and at 18 moved to Stockholm. In 1931 she married Sture Lindgren.

In 1944 she wrote her first book, The Confidences of Brit-Mari, which won second prize in a competition and started her literary career. Soon after, she wrote down the story she told her daughter about Pippi Longstocking and decided to have it published. The character of Pippi was so outrageous that the publisher rejected it! But a rival publisher took on the book and once again she won a book contest. Pippi Longstocking has now been translated into 50 languages and has inspired many plays, movies and TV shows.

Before her death on January 28, 2002, there would even be a theme park based on settings from her books and a hospital for children opened in her name.

Discussion :

After The Performance

- 1) What was your favorite part of the play? Why?
- 2) How do you think you'd react if Pippi moved in next door?
- 3) How would you describe Pippi?
- 4) What would it be like to live with only your pets?
- 5) What would you do with a suitcase full of gold?
- 6) Why did Pippi decide to stay in her house? What would you have done? Why?



Activity: **Class Tea Party**

Pippi loves tea parties and often has hers in peculiar places, such as a tree or on the floor.

Have your class plan a tea party. What food, drinks and location would work best?

FYI Speaking as a Pirate

Pippi's father, Captain Longstocking, is a pirate. Below are some pirate phrases your class might enjoy.

- Ahoy! ~ "Hello!"
- Avast! ~ "Hey!"
- Doubloon ~ A Spanish gold coin or money
- Me hearties ~ A typical way for a pirate leader to address his crew
- Shanty ~ Entertainment, songs
- Booty ~ Loot
- Briny Deep ~ The ocean
- Shiver me timbers! ~ An expression of surprise

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