

# Meet Barbara Greenwood

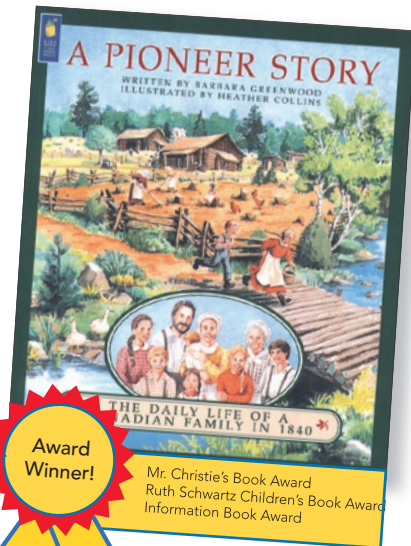


The author of *The Kids Book of Canada*, and *Factory Girl*, Barbara Greenwood has always been fascinated with the past. As a child, she wanted to read novels about people that lived years ago in Canada, but could not find any! Today, Barbara writes the novels that she would have liked to read when she was ten or fourteen years old. Writing historical fiction and biographies takes a lot of research, and Barbara dives deeply into Canadian history: she reads old diaries, journals and letters, visits museums and areas where her books are set. The information that she collects from her research make up the background details of her novels, leaving her room to develop her characters and emphasize the human side of history.



### Fast Facts:

- Barbara writes a monthly book column for *City Parent Magazine*
- She teaches creative writing at Ryerson Polytechnic University
- Barbara has four children



Mr. Christie's Book Award  
Ruth Schwartz Children's Book Award  
Information Book Award

Barbara Greenwood was born in Toronto, Ontario, and went to the University of Toronto. She taught elementary school for many years before she began writing books for children, and later taught creative writing to high-school and adult students. She is currently keeping very busy writing, editing, reviewing, and teaching, but it's clear that her hard work is paying off. Her first published novel, *A Question of Loyalty*, which is set during the Rebellion of 1837, is used in many grade 7 and 8

classrooms, and several of her books are award-winners. *A Pioneer Story: The Daily Life of a Canadian Family in 1840* has won three different awards, while *The Kids Book of Canada* was short listed for the Silver Birch Award as well as the Roundtables Information Book Award.

