

# FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

[1849 – 1924]



A Burnett remarried actor Stephen Townsend in 1900 but this too was not a happy marriage and just two years later they were divorced.

B In 1872 she married Dr. Swan Burnett and later had two sons, Lionel and Vivian. However, this was an unhappy marriage and they were divorced in 1898.

C She eventually settled down in Long Island where the people of New York took her to their hearts. Indeed, 12 years after her passing, a statue was built in her honour and placed in Central Park. It depicts the two characters Mary and Dickon from her most famous work *The Secret Garden*.

D Frances Eliza Hodgson was the daughter of an ironmonger. Sadly, her father died three years after she was born. Her mother took over the running of the family business.

E **About this Author:**

F **Died:**  
October 29th, 1924 in Long Island, New York, USA.

G **Born:**  
November 24th, 1849 in Cheetham Hill, Manchester, UK.

H It was here that Frances began writing to help earn money for the family, publishing stories in magazines from the age of 19. She was an immediate success.

I Life was a struggle. When she turned fifteen, the family business failed and the family decided to make a new start and emigrated to America.

J **Children's Author:**  
Best known for her trio of classic children's stories: *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (1886), *A Little Princess* (1905) and *The Secret Garden* (1911).