



# Hans Christian Andersen Biography

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Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, in Denmark. He was the son of a poor shoemaker and a washervoman.

As a young teenager, he was quite well known in Odense as a reciter of drama and as a singer.

He studied at a grammar school in Copenhagen. He wrote adult books, original stories and traditional tales, these include: "The Steadfast Tin Soldier", "The snow Queen", "The little Mermaid", "Thumbelina", "The little Match girl" and "The ugly duckling".

Hans Andersen's stories were translated into more than 150 languages.