

VIRTUAL BIOGRAPHY:

R.L. Stine

RL Stine



Author Study

In 1992, R.L. Stine started the Goosebumps series- a series of horror novels for kids! It was called...

Second Big Series

Goosebumps

Quick Facts:

- Total # of books in the series: 240
- Total # of copies sold: 400,000,000+
- Stine's favorite book in the series:

The Haunted Mask

Have you ever heard of, or read, any of the Goosebumps novels? If not, would you like to? Why, or why not?

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Integrates Reading Skills

What is an Editor?

A magazine editor is a person who prepares articles for printing and sometimes which articles to put in the magazine. They may also write articles for the magazine, decide the layout, and edit the spelling and grammar of others' articles. The main editor of a newspaper or magazine is called the "editor-in-chief."



Would you like to be an editor? Why or why not?

One of the main reasons why Stine chose to attend Ohio State University was because he wanted to work on *Sundial*. *Sundial* was the school magazine, which was known to be very humorous. And, as we know, R.L. Stine loved to be funny!

Not only did Stine work on the magazine, but he was also the editor for 3 years! This experience opened up many doors.



Biography



Education

Stine attended Ohio State University, located in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio!

There, he spent three years as editor of the school magazine, titled *Sundial*. He recalls skipping class to write humorous articles for the magazine!



Click [here](#) to view the location of Ohio State University on Google Earth. Then, zoom out until you can see the state of Ohio. Move the star to the state of Ohio on the map.



Interactive Timeline

R.L. Stine's Life

Collect the stickers for each part of R.L. Stine's life.
Cut them from each section (Ctrl + X) and paste them here (Ctrl + V) on the

October 8, 1943: Born	A Shy Kid!	1965: Graduated College	<i>Bananas and Blind Date</i>	First Series: <i>Fear Street</i>	Second Series: <i>Goosebumps</i>

Birth



Childhood



Education



First Big
Break



First Big
Series



Second Big
Series





Critical Thinking



First+ Big Break

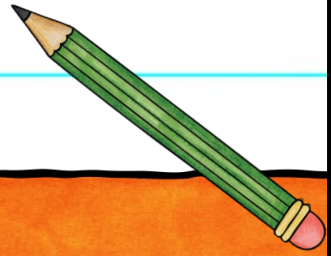
Watch the video about R.L. Stine's first big break. Then, determine whether the five statements are true or false. Write a "T" for true and an "F" for false in the boxes.



- ☐ 1. R.L. Stine never liked scary stories or happy ones.
- ☐ 2. R.L. Stine would get a haircut every day so he could read his favorite comic books.
- ☐ 3. R.L. Stine moved to New York City to go to college because he wanted to be a doctor.
- ☐ 4. R.L. Stine always knew that he would write horror stories for kids!
- ☐ 5. *Blind Date* was Stine's first horror novel for teens! It was unexpectedly a #1 best seller.

*Please Note: This resource includes instructions to show how to embed videos as shown.

Writing



GOOSEBUMPS Takes Off

1. Was *Goosebumps* an immediate success? Explain.
2. About how long did it take Stine to write each *Goosebumps* book? How do you think he felt about it?

3. Stine talks about *Goosebumps* taking off despite a lack of advertising and publicizing. Was this surprising, and how does it compare to today?



Engaging & Educational Media

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ALL ABOUT GOOSEBUMPS

Watch the videos about R.L. Stine and the creation of *Goosebumps*. Learn how the series took off and became one of the best-selling book series of all time.

