



E. B. White

July 11, 1899 - October 1, 1985

North Brooklin, Maine

Elwyn Brooks White - American writer whose clear sentences taught children and adults how kindness and grammar can share a page - died in North Brooklin, Maine, on October 1, 1985. He was eighty-six. Born July 11, 1899, he wrote for The New Yorker, co-authored The Elements of Style, and gave the world Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little - books that treat small lives with large respect.

He prized exact words, honest weather, and the dignity of ordinary farms and city corners. Maine winters and New York deadlines both shaped him. He wrote as if a good sentence were a form of neighborliness, and as if a spider's web could teach courage better than a lecture.

New York magazines taught polish; the Maine coast taught silence. He left prose that still sounds like a careful friend.

He died in North Brooklin on October 1, 1985. Somewhere a child is still listening for the words that make a barn feel safe.

White's gift was lucid tenderness - making English feel trustworthy. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so October 1 remembers the New Yorker essayist who spun Charlotte's web for a nation.

Services

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