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Review

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About the Author

A longtime resident of Washington State, Betty MacDonald (1908-1958) authored four humorous, autobiographical bestsellers and several children's books, including the popular *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* books.

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