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Rating: Excellent

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McCloskey is an author and illustrator. He was also a talented musician. It is interesting to read the experiences which led him to create many of his famous books, including *Lentil*, *Make Way for Ducklings*, and *Blueberries for Sal*.

The Children's Authors series gives the primary reader clear examples of the basic contents of an informational book: table of contents, concisely informative, heavily illustrated, clearly written chapters, and index. New words are bolded in the text and listed in a glossary at the back of the book. Each book includes interesting aspects of the author's childhood, education, and career. In addition, the Children's Authors series books give a list of Web Sites where, through the publisher, readers can find more information about that particular children's author and the books they have written. Four other authors in the series are *Garth Williams* (2004), *A. A. Milne* (2005), and *Gertrude Chandler Warner* (2005). My oldest granddaughter, who is in 3rd grade, read and enjoyed all four books!