The Life of Eric Carle

Eric Carle is a famous author and illustrator. He was born in Syracuse, New York in 1929. He spent most of his childhood in Germany where he was educated and attended art school.

In 1952 he returned to America. He was able to get a job at The New York Times as a graphic designer. Afterwards, he was the director of an advertising agency.

The first book he illustrated was *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* The first book he wrote and illustrated on his own was *1,2,3 at the Zoo*. He then wrote *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Eric Carle is known for his illustrations which are created by using a collage technique. Carle cuts and layers papers to form the images.

Many of Carle’s books have a nature theme. Eric Carle attempts to create books that are beautiful and provide an opportunity for children to learn about the world.