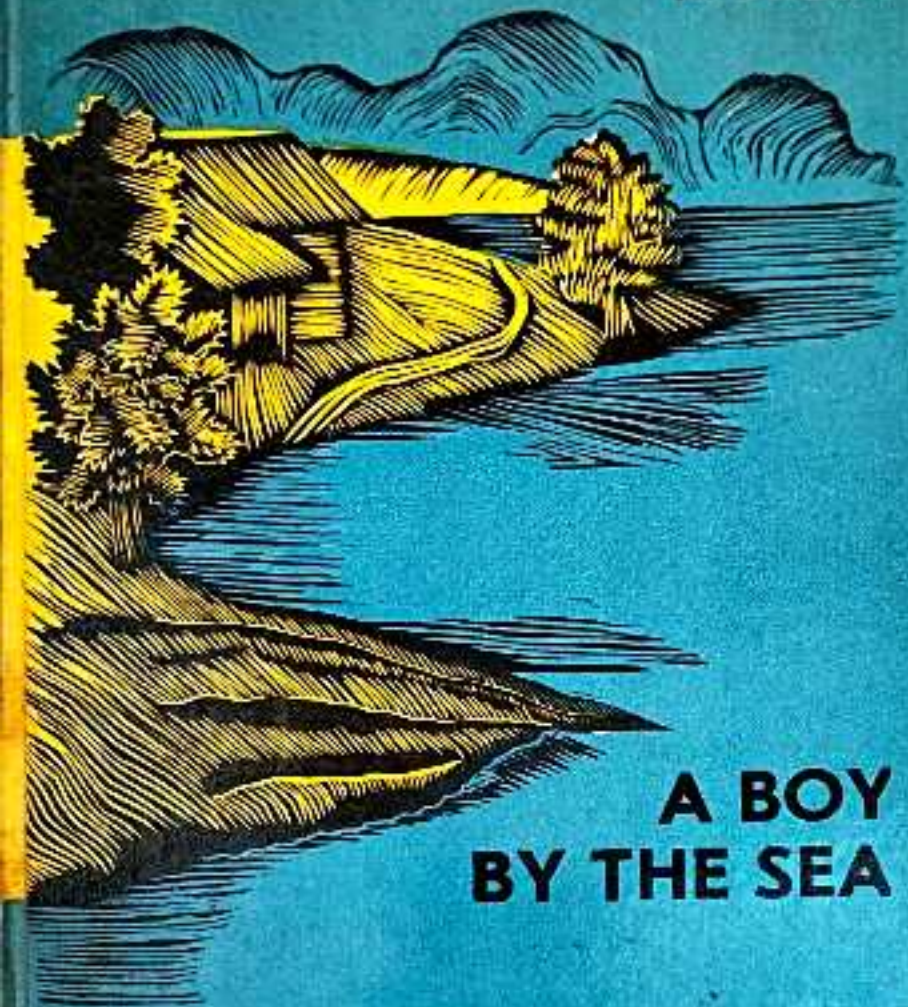


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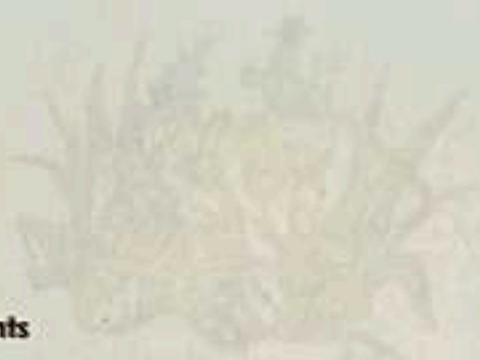
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A Word About the Author

Nikolai Gorky is a well known contemporary Soviet writer. Most of his books were written for and about children. In the twenty and thirty's that he has been writing children's books have become very popular in the Soviet Union, a land of diverse national republics, for they have been translated into many languages of the peoples of the USSR. They have also become popular among children who have been widely translated into many languages. His novel *The House on the Embankment* won the State Prize of the USSR in 1970. The two stories in this book were both made into popular films.

The publishers of his books have received many letters from young readers asking about the author. He knows so much about children and is never afraid to discuss them by describing the ups and downs of his life. That is a very important point in every great book about children: the characters actually live in it, always and they are people of the most important characters created by the author who always remains behind the scenes. This is the author, Nikolai Gorky, who never fails to give about his work on his and people, but through always clear. That is why the interest of the author is the important source of the many questions sent to his translators and

