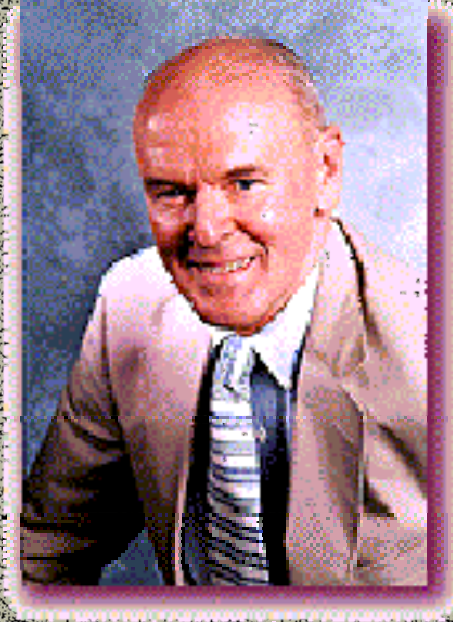


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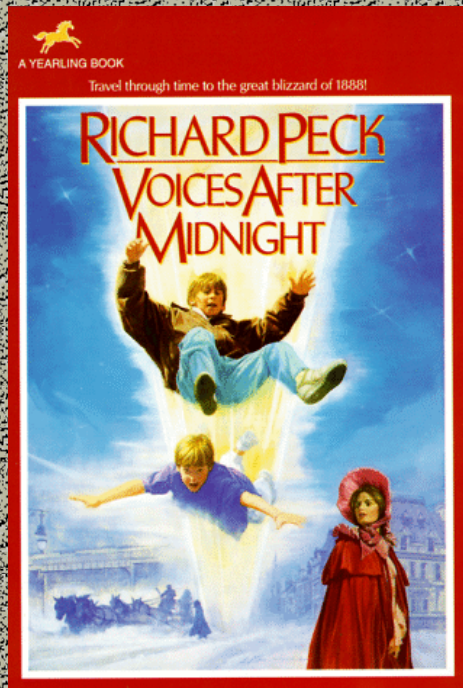
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Biography



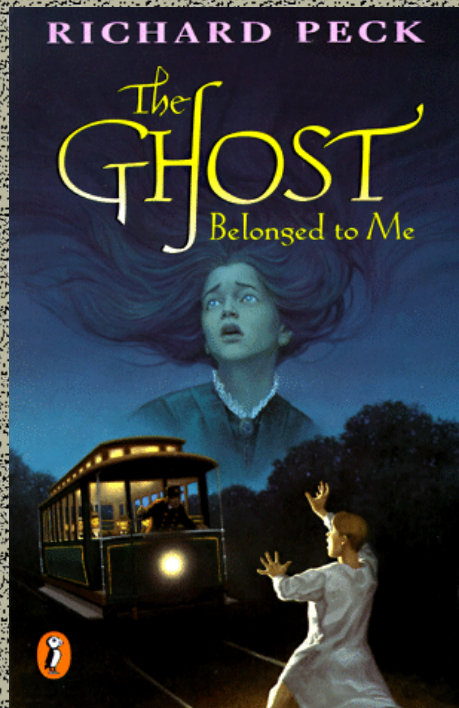
- Born April 5 in Decatur, Illinois
- Written over 18 novels
- Awards:
 - Margaret A. Edwards
 - National Council of Teachers of English / ALAN
 - Newbery Medal winner 1999
 - Edgar Allan Poe for Mystery

Voices After Midnight



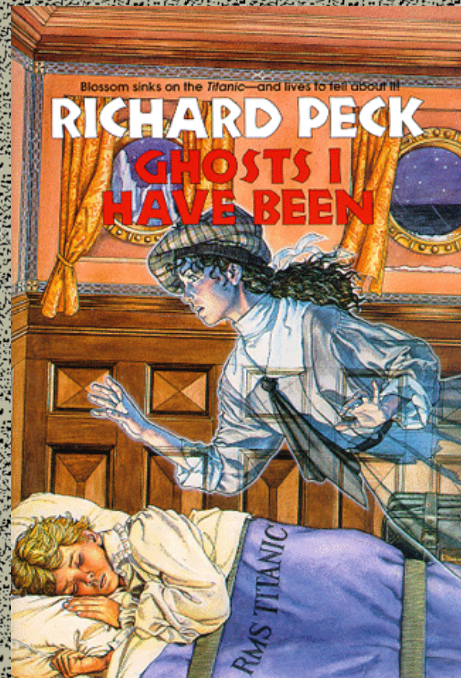
- 14 year old boy, Chad
- Family vacations in NYC
- Chad, Luke, and Heidi all hear "Voices"
- Given a task to help spirits
- Mission determines their existence

The Ghost Belonged to Me



- Alexander Armsworth and Blossom Culp
- Discovers a ghost in barn, Inez Dumaine
- He is given two tasks
- Will he succeed in his quests?

Ghosts I Have Been



- Blossom Culp and Alexander Armsworth
- Blossom has "Second Sight"
- Relives cowardice act
- Mission: Tell Julian's story for a peaceful rest
- How will she tell the story?



Reoccurring Themes

- Mystery and thrillers
- Given a task from super-natural for peaceful resting
- Settings revolve around early 1900's
- "You will never begin to grow up until you declare your independence from your peers"



Developmental Tasks

- Develop new relationships with peers
- Ease of relationship of opposite sex
- Finding a "vocation"



Twenty Minutes a Day

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