

## BIOGRAPHY

# Avi

Avi is part of a family of writers extending back into the 19th century. Born in 1937 and raised in New York City, Avi was educated in local schools, before going to the Midwest and then back to NYC to complete his education. Starting out as a playwright – while working for many years as a librarian – he began writing books for young people when the first of his kids came along.

His first book was *Things That Sometimes Happen*, published in 1970, recently reissued. Since then he has published seventy books. Winner of many awards, including the 2003 Newbery award for *Crispin: the Cross of Lead* (Hyperion), two Newbery Honors, two *Horn Book* awards, and an O'Dell award, as well as many children's choice awards, Avi frequently travels to schools around the country to talk to his readers.



Avi, 2013. photo Katherine Warde

Among his most popular books are *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*, *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, *Nothing But the Truth*, the *Poppy* books, *Midnight Magic*, and *The Fighting Ground*.

His most recent books are *Old Wolf*, *The Most Important Thing: Stories about Sons, Fathers, and Grandfathers*, and *School of the Dead*. Learn more at [avi-writer.com](http://avi-writer.com), where you can read his weekly blog, *Word Craft*. Follow Avi on Facebook, where he shares an inside look at his writing process [facebook.com/avi.writer](https://www.facebook.com/avi.writer) and on Twitter [@avi3writer](https://twitter.com/avi3writer).

Avi lives in Clark, Colorado, with his wife.

