

Patria Press, Inc.

Publisher of the *Young Patriots Series* for children

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About the Creator of the *Young Patriots Series*

When Florrie Binford Kichler was eight years old and confined to bed for months with a serious illness, reading was the only activity allowed her, and so she began a love affair with a series of orange-covered children's biographies called the *Childhood of Famous Americans®*. Forty years later, she founded her own company, Patria Press, Inc., to restore to print many of those same books that introduced her to the joy of reading so many years ago.

"Kids love reading about kids" says Ms. Kichler. "And the best part about the kids in our books is that they were real people."

The company's first title in the newly-named **Young Patriots Series**, *Amelia Earhart, Young Air Pioneer*, received the *ForeWord Magazine's* Book of the Year Award and was awarded the Parent's Choice designation as an outstanding book. *Lew Wallace, Boy Writer* won the 2002 Independent Publisher Award for Juvenile Fiction, and *ForeWord Magazine* named *Juliette Low, Girl Scout Founder* a finalist for the 2003 Book of the Year Award. The National Parenting Center recently awarded *Mahalia Jackson, Gospel Singer and Civil Rights Champion* its 2003 Seal of Approval. *Mahalia Jackson* was also presented with an iParenting Media Award for Excellence and was a Finalist in the Independent Publisher 2004 Book Awards for Juvenile Fiction.

Ms. Kichler has presented programs at the Southern Festival of Books in Nashville, Tennessee, the Southern Kentucky Festival of Books in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the Association of Indiana Media Educators Conference, the Indiana Library Federation State Conference, the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, the Heartland Book Festival, the International Reading Association Regional Conference, the American Association of School Librarians National Conference, and the National Council for Social Studies Regional Conference. In addition, she has spoken to hundreds of students through her elementary school visits.

She has been featured on C-Span 2's Book TV. In addition, Ms. Kichler is a member of the American Library Association, the Children's Book Council, the National Council of Social Studies and the Great Lakes Booksellers Association. She serves on the Indiana University Kelley School of Business Women's MBA Board of Advisors, and the boards of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union and PMA, The Independent Book Publishers Association.

Currently in print in the **Young Patriots Series** in addition to *Amelia Earhart, Young Air Pioneer*, is *William Henry Harrison, Young Tippecanoe*, *Lew Wallace, Boy Writer*, the story of the childhood of the author of *Ben-Hur*, *Juliette Low, Girl Scout Founder*, *James Whitcomb Riley, Young Poet*, *Eddie Rickenbacker, Boy Pilot and Racer*, *Mahalia Jackson, Gospel Singer and Civil Rights Champion*, *George Rogers Clark, Boy of the Northwest Frontier*, *John Hancock, Independent Boy*, and *Phillis Wheatley, Young Revolutionary Poet*. Upcoming are *Abner Doubleday, Boy Baseball Pioneer*, and *John Audubon, Young Naturalist*.

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