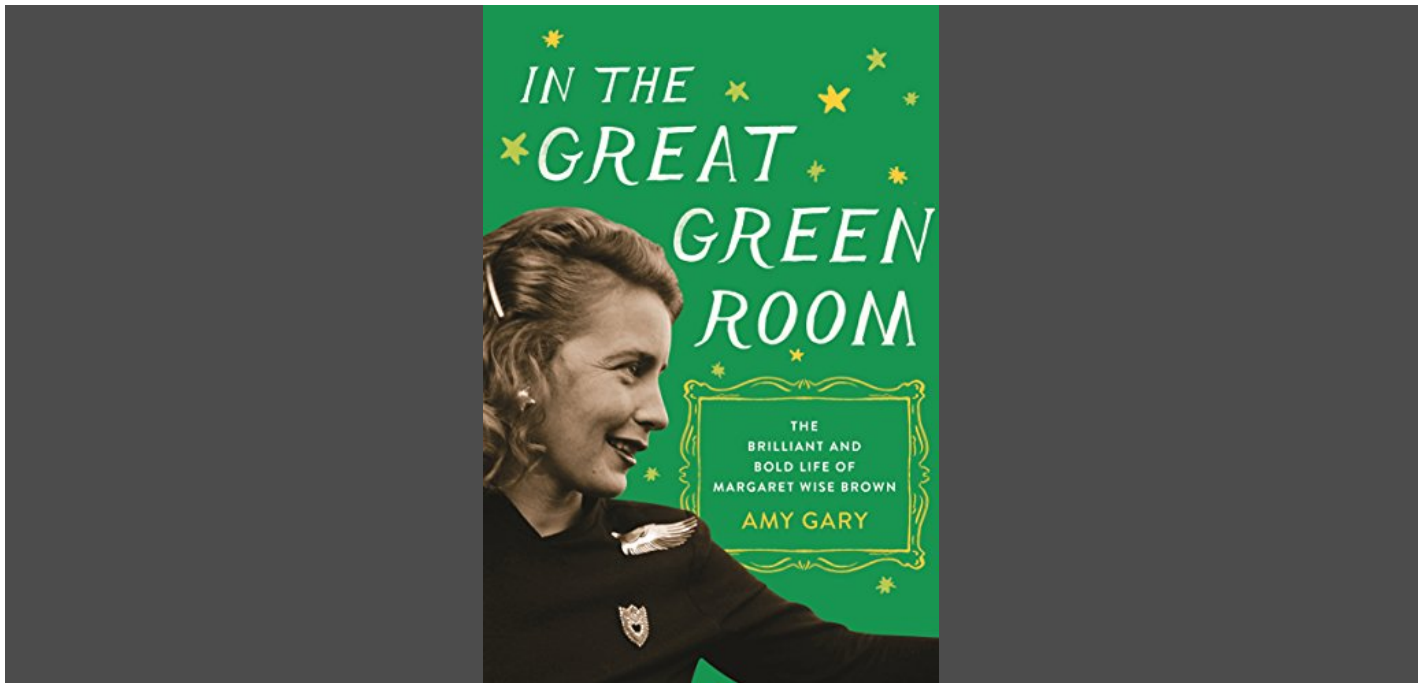


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Brilliant and Bold Life of Margaret
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Clever, quirky, and incredibly talented, Margaret embraced life with passion, lived extravagantly off of her royalties, went on rabbit hunts, and carried on long and troubled love affairs with both men and women. Among them were two great loves in Margaret's life. One was a gender-bending poet and the ex-wife of John Barrymore. She went by the stage name of Michael Strange and she and Margaret had a tempestuous yet secret relationship, at one point living next door to each other so that they could be together. After the dissolution of their relationship and Michael's death, Margaret became engaged to a younger man, who also happened to be the son of a Rockefeller and a Carnegie. But before they could marry Margaret died unexpectedly at the age of forty-two, leaving behind a cache of unpublished work and a timeless collection of books that would go on to become classics in children's literature.

In *In the Great Green Room*, author Amy Gary captures the eccentric and exceptional life of Margaret Wise Brown, and drawing on newly-discovered personal letters and diaries, reveals an intimate portrait of a creative genius whose unrivaled talent breathed new life into the literary world.

Amazon.com Review

An Amazon Best Book of January 2017: *Goodnight Moon* is an icon of childhood, a book still given for baby showers and first birthdays even though it's over half a century old. *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny* may be the stories she's most known for, but Margaret Wise Brown wrote scores of books. And poems. And led a remarkable life that was totally unlike the quiet, simple pages of her most famous work. Brown was passionate about children's book publishing, and she was a visionary of interactive formats. A successful career in writing did not come easy to her, and Brown found inspiration in Gertrude Stein that completely changed how she approached her craft. Thanks to Amy Gary's insightful biography, *In the Great Green Room*, Margaret Wise Brown has become much more to me than simply the familiar author of much-loved children's books. Now I see a colorful, vibrant woman who had complicated love affairs, a unique ability to see the world through a child's eyes, and who was constantly recreating life on her own terms. --Seira Wilson, *The Amazon Book Review*

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