

# Richard George Adams



Adams was born  
on 9 May 1920 in  
Wash Common near  
Newbury  
Berkshire, England

# Richard Adams's Early Life

He attended Horris Hill School from 1926–1933, and then Bradfield College from 1933–1938. In 1938, he went to Worcester College, Oxford to read Modern History. In July 1940, shortly after the declaration of war between Britain and Germany, Adams was called up to join the British Army. He was posted to the Royal Army Service Corps and was selected for the Airborne Company. He served in Palestine, Europe and the Far East, but saw no direct action against either the Germans or the Japanese.

# Adams in the British Civil Service

After being released from the army in 1946, Adams returned to Worcester College to continue his studies for a further two years. He took the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1948 and Master of Arts in 1953. After his BA graduation in 1948, Adams joined the British Civil Service and held the rank of Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, later part of the Department of the Environment. It was during this period that he began writing fiction in his spare time.



# Adams Is the Author

**Adams had originally begun telling the story of *Watership Down* to his two daughters, and they insisted that he publish it as a book. It took two years to write. In 1972, Rex Collings published the work *Watership Down*. The book gained international acclaim almost immediately.**

# Public Figure

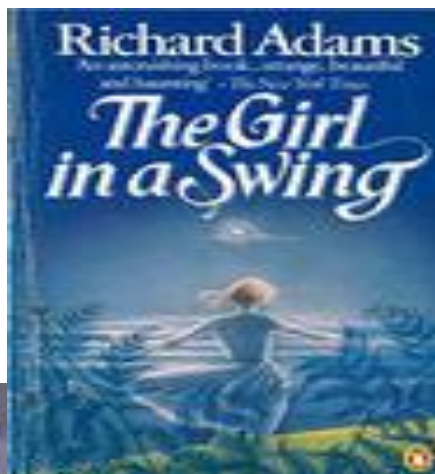
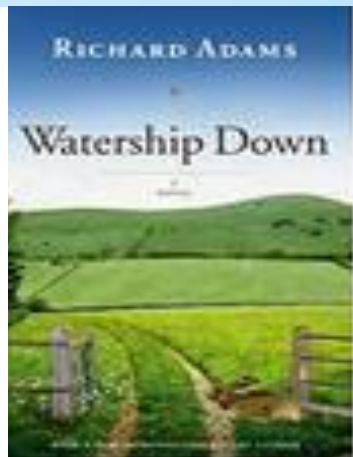
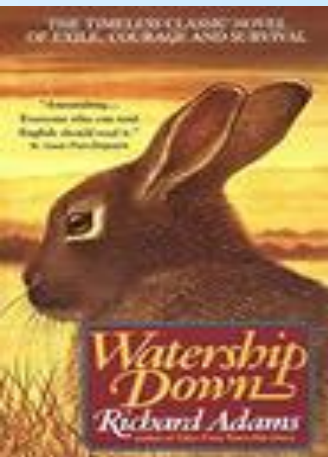
**In 1982, Adams served one year as President of the RSPCA. He also made a voyage through the Antarctic in the company of Ronald Lockley, the well-known ornithologist.**



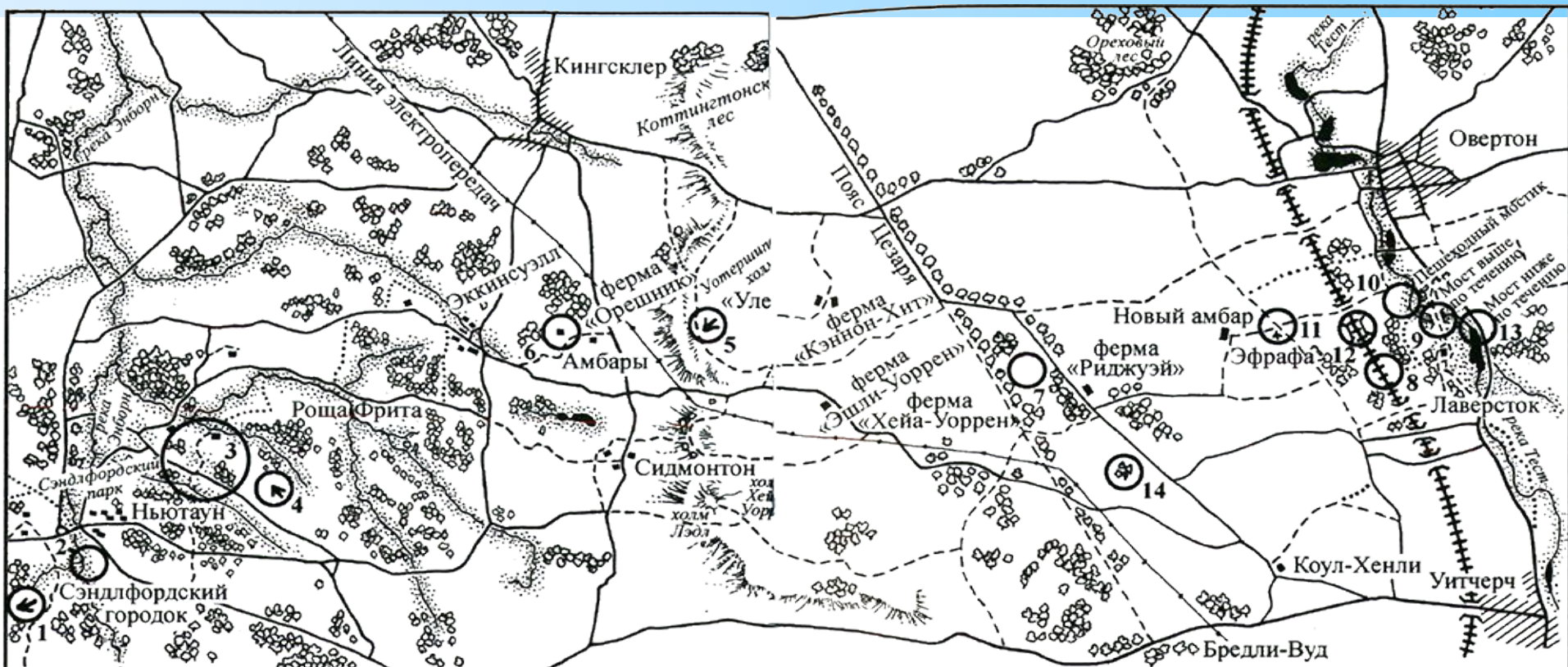
# Personal life

- **Adams celebrated his 90th birthday in 2010 with a party in his hometown of Whitchurch, Hampshire. Just before his 90th birthday, he wrote a new story for a charity book *Gentle Footprints* to raise funds for The Born Free Foundation.**
- **Adams currently lives with his wife, Elizabeth, in Whitchurch, Hampshire, within 10 miles (16 km) of his birthplace. Their daughters, to whom Adams originally related the tales that became *Watership Down*, are Juliet and Rosamond. He has six grandchildren: Lucy, Sarah, Miranda, Grace, Robert, and Maeve.**

# ADAMS'S BOOKS



# WATERSHIP DOWN



## ЧАСТЬ I

1. Место, где началась эта история
2. Переправа через реку Энборн
3. Вересковая пустошь
4. Городок Барабанчика

## ЧАСТЬ II

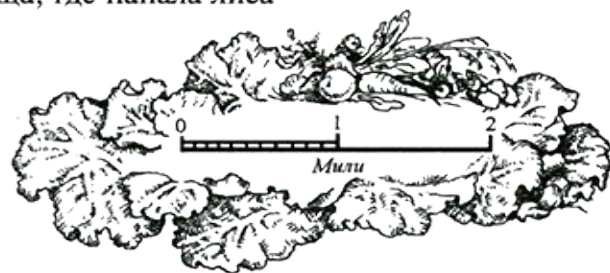
5. Буковый лес на северо-востоке Уотершипского холма
6. Ферма «Орешник»

## ЧАСТЬ III

7. Овраг, где Шишак повстречался с лисой
8. Место, где путешественники пересекли железную дорогу
9. Мост выше по течению реки Тэст
10. Место, где нашли лодку-плоскодонку
11. Эфрафа. Крик
12. Арка под железной дорогой

## ЧАСТЬ IV

13. Мост ниже по течению реки и болотистая заводь
14. Роша, где напала лиса





# BOOKS

- **1972** **Обитатели холмов** (*Watership Down*)
- **1974** **Шардик** (*Shardik*)
- **1976** **Путешествие двух тигров** (*The Tiger Voyager*)
- **1977** **Чумные псы** (*The Plague Dogs*)
- **1980** **Девочка на качелях** (*The Girl in a Swing*)
- **1980** **Железный Волк и другие истории (сборник рассказов)** (*The Iron Wolf and other Stories*)
- **1982** **Легенда Те Туна** (*The Legend of Te Tuna*)
- **1984** **Майя** (*Maia*)
- **1986** **Новости обитателей холмов (сборник рассказов)** (*Tales from Watership Down*)
- **1988** **Путешественник** (*Traveller*)
- **1999** **Необычный рыцарь** (*The Outlandish Knight*)
- **2006** **Дэниэль** (*Daniel*)