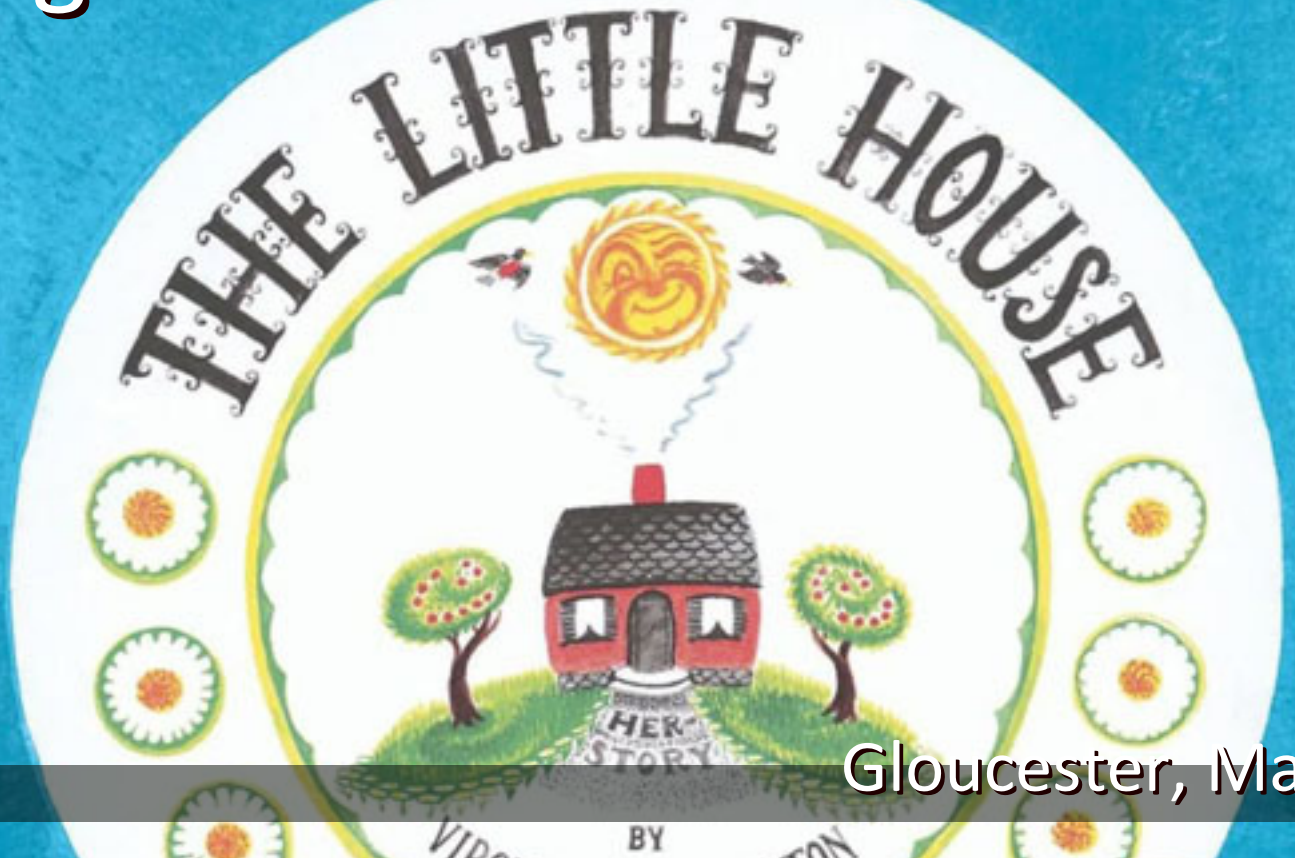


Virginia Lee Burton



Gloucester, Ma

Virginia Lee Burton was the talented author and illustrator of some of the most enduring books ever written for children. The winner of the 1942 Caldecott Medal for *The Little House*, Burton's books include heroes and happy endings, lively illustrations, and a dash of nostalgia. She lived with her two sons, Aristides and Michael, and her husband George Demetrios, the sculptor, in a section of Gloucester, Massachusetts, called Folly Cove. Here she taught a class in design and from it emerged the Folly Cove designers, a group of internationally known professional artisans.

The last act in her book, *Life Story*, tells the story of our her life in Folly Cove Gloucester.

One can' not dismiss the similarities to "The Little House" from her book and our Little House.

Virginia Lee Burton

Aug 30, 1909 – Oct 15, 1968
Folly Cove, Gloucester



Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (1939)

Since it was first published in 1939, Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel has delighted generations of children.

The Little House (1942)

Burton said the house of the title "was based on our own little house which we moved from the street into 'a field of daises with apple trees growing around.'"

Katy and the Big Snow (1943)

Burton based the book's city of Geoppolis and its highway department on Gloucester.

