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## ***Joan Givner***

**author of *Ellen Fremedon***

Joan Givner was a professor of English for thirty years at the University of Regina, where her husband taught Philosophy. She took early retirement in 1994 and they moved to a small rural community on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. There for the last ten years she has enjoyed being a full-time writer.

She has loved children's literature since her own childhood growing up in war-time England. She enjoyed it all over again when her two daughters were growing up.

"I don't know why it took me so long to get around to writing for children, but *Ellen Fremedon* seemed to spring naturally from my memories of my daughters, their enthusiasms, activities and their friendships."

### **Selected Awards**

CBC Fiction Award 1992

### **Some Other Books by Joan Givner**

*Ellen Fremedon, Journalist*, Greenwood 2005

