

About the Authors

Close friends from childhood on, Kathryn Kilby Borland and Helen Ross Speicher grew up in Indiana with backgrounds in journalism and newspaper editing. Over a 35-year career, they wrote 15 books for both children and adults, and collaborated on numerous reading texts for McGraw Hill and Scott-Foresman. The first edition of *Phillis Wheatley, Young Revolutionary Poet* appeared in 1968. Additional titles written by the two for the Childhood of Famous Americans Series™ include *Alan Pinkerton, Young Detective*, *Eugene Field, Young Poet*, and *Harry Houdini, Young Magician*.