

## Famous People Who Stutter

### Sports

Ty Cobb - according to a biography, **Cobb: A Biography** by Al Stump (1994)

Rubin Carter - professional boxer - 'Hurricane' by Tom Tozer relates that Rubin "Hurricane" Carter stuttered as a child. Carter's story, made into a movie starring Danzell Washington, is about a "professional middleweight boxer who was arrested in 1966 for the murder of three whites, sentenced to a triple-life term and finally exonerated in 1988." Tozer's article states, "As a youngster, Carter used his fists to help dissuade others from laughing at his stuttering." The

[The Sporting News.](#)

Lester Hayes - Former All-Pro defensive back with the Oakland / Los Angeles Raiders.

[Bo Jackson - Football and baseball star.](#)

Tommy John - Former Yankee pitcher.

Ben Johnson - Runner.

Pat Leahy - N.Y. Jets kicker.

Greg Louganis - Olympic diver.

[Bob Love - Basketball star with Chicago Bulls in 60's and 70's. Alvin Lucier - composer](#)

[Kenyon Martin, forward for the New Jersey Nets \(NBA basketball team\).](#)

Michael Spinks - light heavyweight boxing champion

Dave Taylor - Former hockey star with the L.A. Kings.

[Sports, HBO](#)

Jake Steinfeld - Bodybuilder, television fitness trainer

[Ken Venturi - Golfer. Won U.S. Open in 1961. \(An interview with Ken Venturi where he talks about his stuttering.\)](#)

Bill Walton - professional basketball player, sportscaster

Chris Zorich - Chicago Bears' lineman.

Hazen "Kiki" Cuyler - a Hall of Fame outfielder for the Pirates in the '20s. His nickname is pronounced with long I's; i.e, Ky-Ky. Reason: He was a stutterer, and often pronounced his last name Ky-ky-ler. (posted by Bob Wells on

Butch Baird - Golfer.

Horace Grant - Orlando Magic power forward

Sophie Gustafson, Swedish Professional Golfer who won the Ladies Professional Golf Association British Open,

[Adrian Peterson running back for the Chicago Bears.](#)

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### Politics

King Charles I - King of England, 1625-1649.

Winston Churchill - Prime Minister of Great Britain World War II, including examples of some of his speeches (Point of information, the following page claims that Churchill did not suffer from stuttering, but from a lisp. I have heard and seen video tapes of Churchill. I believe my cousin (yes he was;-) stuttered,

Nicolae Ceausescu - President of Romania in the 1970's

[Claudius - Roman Emperor. www.salve.edu/~romanemp/clauidius.htm](http://www.salve.edu/~romanemp/clauidius.htm)

[King George VI - King of England, 1937-1952.](#)

Thomas Jefferson - President

Lenin

[Louis II the Stammerer, King of France, 877-879](#)

Michael II, Byzantine Emperor 820-829, succeeded Leo V to the Byzantine crown in 820, and on his death in 829 was succeeded by his son Theophilus.

Molotov, the Russian Foreign Minister under Stalin.

Napoleon the First

Theodore Roosevelt

George Washington

Guan Zhong (Chinese ancient time politician)

Guang Xu (Emperor of Qing Dynasty)

Prince Albert of Monaco

Antonio Bassolino - Mayor of Naples

Senator Joseph Biden, Democrat from Delaware.

Proinsias De Rossa - a political leader of the Democrat Left in Ireland.

Thomas Kean - Governor of New Jersey from 1982-1990

Congressman Frank Wolf, Republican from VA.

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### Literature

Aesop - Greek storyteller, and a huge collection of his fables

Arnold Bennett - British writer and journalist.

[Jorge Luis Borges - \(1899-1986\) was the author of Labyrinths and Ficciones, among other books.](#)

[Elizabeth Bowen - Irish writer](#)

[Lewis Carroll - Author of Alice in Wonderland](#)

[Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, author of Don Quixote de la Mancha \(as cited by Malveena McKendrick, Cervantes, Little, Brown, 1980, p. 21.\).](#)

Richard Condon - Novelist whose works include The Manchurian Candidate and Prizzi's Honor.

[Robert Heinlein - Science fiction writer](#)

[Leigh Hunt a writer of the early Romantic period and a classmate of Charles Lamb.](#)

Henry James - American Novelist.

Washington Irving (author)

Alfred Kazin - author, critic and teacher

Charles Lamb - British essayist, on his stuttering.

Philip Larkin - English poet, novelist and critic

Somerset Maugham - British writer considered one of the best short story writers of all time, including Of Human Bondage, an autobiographical novel which substitutes a physical disability for the author's stuttering problem.

[Nevil Shute \(1900-1960\)-- English novelist and aeronautical engineer.](#)

[Virgil - Roman poet.](#)

Lu Xun (20 century most famous Chinese writer)

Guo Muoruo (20 century writer)

[P. F. Bentley - professional photographer - Photographs by PF Bentley: 25 Years of Photojournalism](#)

[Howard Bingham - professional photographer and biographer of Muhammed Ali. Additional information about Bingham's work.](#)

Margaret Drabble - British novelist.

Howard Heyman - lab chief for the Newsweek photo lab

Edward Hoagland - essayist and contemporary nature writer. The football game in my head US News and World Report article about Edward Hoagland

Paul Johnson - Detective novelist, author of Killing the Blues

[Michael McCurdy - Book Illustrator / Author / Publisher / wood engraver](#)

[John Montague - a Northern Irish poet, essayist, and story writer.](#)

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### Business

Walter H. Annenberg - publisher, broadcaster, diplomat and philanthropist.

Henry Luce - Founder of Time magazine and Sports Illustrated

Arthur M. Blank - co-founder of the Home Depot and owner of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons

[Vernon Hill chairman and founder of Commerce Bancorp and Commerce Bank](#)

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### Actors

Porky Pig a Warner Brother's cartoon character.

[Sam Neill - Actor.](#)

Peggy Lipton - Actress.

Samuel L. Jackson, movie star, Chill Factor, an article that describes his stuttering.

Austin Pendleton - Actor.

Eric Roberts, actor

Bruce Willis - Actor.

Peter Bonerz - Actor (Jerry the orthodontist) on The Bob Newhart show

[Nicolas Brendon, movie star, reports that he stuttered significantly until after high school.](#)

Jimmy Stewart - Actor.

Anthony Quinn - Actor.

[Michael Bentine - British comedian, script-writer, and reader of children's books](#)

Marion Davies "one of the few silent stars to survive the transition to talkies."

Raymond Massey - Actor.

[Marilyn Monroe - Actress.](#)

Garry Moore - game show host - "I've Got a Secret"

[Jack Harold Paar - US comedian & television host; 1st host of show "The Tonight Show" 1957-1962](#)

Rowan Atkinson - British actor who plays Mr. Bean

[Jake Eberts - Film producer \(Gandhi, Dances with Wolves\)](#)

[James Griffin - the producer and presenter of the ABC TV's Last Word and is an occasional contributor to Books and Writing on ABC Radio National, Australia](#)

James Earl Jones - Actor. Jones intones

[Harvey Keitel - actor](#)

Dr. Jonathan Miller - British director and critic.

John Stossel - Reporter, ABC's 20/20.

[John Melendez, a rock guitarist and interviewer for the controversial Howard Stern show](#)

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### History

Aristotle

Notker Balbulus (the Stammerer), a Dark Ages monk who played important roles in both plainchant and the development of our calendar.

word for stuttering

Baudouin the Lannoy, a knight of the golden fleece - portrait by Jan Van Eyck in the State Museum in Berlin.

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury

Field Marshall Lord Carver - British military leader.

[General Joshua Chamberlain, one of the heroes of the Battle of Gettysburg and college professor of literature \(source: Military History magazine\).](#)

Dekanawida - Iroquois Indian leader in the 1500's

Demosthenes - Greek orator by Plutarch, written 75 A.D. as well as several of the writings/orations of Demosthenes

Charles Canon Kingsley -- English orator, writer, and chaplain to Queen Victoria.

Cotton Mather - Puritan leader and famous preacher.

[Moses - Hebrew prophet.](#)

[Michael Ramsey \(one hundredth Archbishop of Canterbury\)](#)

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### Music

[Nat King Cole](#) - In an interview, Cole biographer, Daniel Epstein states that Cole had a stutter as a child and a bit of a lisp which you can hear in the early recordings in his career. If you want to listen to the interview via Real Audio, open and move the cursor on the Real Audio player a little past midway (I count 10 dots).

[John "Scatman" Larkin](#) - jazz musician

[by Szymon.](#)

[An Interview with Scatman John Larkin by Ira Zimmerman.](#)

Amazon has a new MUSIC STORE where you can order **Scatman John Larkin's CDs** that haven't been available in any other music store I've checked!

[Everybody Jam \[IMPORT\] by Scatman John, Audio CD \(November 29, 1996\)](#)

[Let It Go \[CD-SINGLE\] \[IMPORT\] by Scatman John, Audio CD \(June 2, 1997\)](#)

[Scatman's World \[IMPORT\] by Scatman John, Audio CD \(August 4,1995\)](#)

Noel Gallagher guitarist from the rock band, Oasis.

Gareth Gates - pop star, UK

[Carly Simon](#) - Singer.

[stuttering, is online.](#)

[Chris Trapper, musician - The Push Stars rock band](#)

[Bill Withers \(1938- \)](#), singer and songwriter, whose first hit, Ain't No Sunshine, went to number three in 1971, won a Grammy for best R&B song, and was heard in the movie Notting Hill. His biggest hit was Lean on Me, which went to number one in 1972. He also recorded Use Me, which peaked at number two in 1972 and is on the soundtrack to American Beauty.

The Gap used his song Lovely Day in its 1999 advertising campaign. Withers married Denice Nicholas, a star on ABC's TV series Room 222. He was born in Slab Fork, near Beckley. Withers dropped out of school after the ninth grade and spent nine years in the Navy, where he underwent speech therapy to overcome a stuttering problem.

After his discharge, he delivered milk and worked for Ford Motor Co., IBM, and Lockheed. from Famous West Virginians

Robert Merrill, Opera Singer

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Clara Barton - Founder of the American Red Cross.

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### Science

[Robert Boyle \(1627-1691\) - British scientist and moral essayist who made important contributions to physics and chemistry and is best known for Boyle's law](#)

Charles Darwin - Naturalist and author of The Origin of Species.

[Erasmus Darwin - Famous physician, scientist, and grandfather of Charles.](#)

[Isaac Newton - Scientist, developed the Law of Gravity.](#)

[Joseph Priestley \(1733-1804\) -- the English chemist and scholar who identified/discovered oxygen](#)

[Steven Hawking - scientist](#)

[John F. Welch, Jr. - Chairman of General Electric.](#)

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### Other

Harley Earl - car designer

Henry Rogers - Public relations pioneer.

[Aneurin Bevan - British Labor Party Leader in 1930's.](#)

[Kenneth E. Boulding - economist](#)

Patrick Campbell - British humorist.

[Mary Louise "Stuttering Sam" Dowell became the most celebrated showgirl in New York City.](#)

[Niccolo Fontana, nicknamed Tartaglia\(stammerer\) because of his speech - an Italian mathematician famous for his algebraic solution of cubic equations. Read about what caused his speech problems and decide for yourself if he stuttered or not.](#)

Harley Earl, one of the most famous car designers ever. (Source: American Heritage magazine).

[Sir John R. Hicks - British economist who received the Nobel price in economics in 1972.](#)

[Christopher Robin Milne, the original Christopher Robin.](#)

Moses Mendelssohn - Grandfather of the composer.

[Kim Philby - British spy.](#)

[Ludwig Quidde Nobel Peace Prize recipient, 1927.](#)

Mario Savio - 1960's Free Speech leader at Berkeley

John Slaughter - Arizona sheriff in the 1880's

[Alan Turing, founder of computer science.](#)

Kenneth Tynan - Well known British drama critic.

Han Feizi (ancient time scholar)

Zhan Tianyo (Famous railway engineer)

Patrick Campbell - British humorist

Lord David Cecil - Professor of English literature at Oxford in 1950s and author of **Melbourne**, one of The Board of the Modern Library's 100 Best Nonfiction books of the century

[Mrs. Annie Glenn - Wife of astronaut and Senator John Glenn.](#)

Sidney Gottlieb - controversial CIA psychologist

Bruce Oldfield - British fashion designer.

[Alan R. Rabinowitz - conservationist](#)

Nino Salvatore - Past president of Medicine at the University of Naples

Kenneth Tynan - British drama critic