

Herry Monster and Maya Angelou



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Herry Monster is a *Sesame Street* monster who doesn't know his own strength. Herry first appeared in season 2, effectively replacing the Beautiful Day Monster in the *Sesame* monster troupe. In his first appearances, Herry's nose was covered with light blue fur as well. During the second season, he gained a non-furry blue nose, which was replaced by his signature purple nose in 1971. The Herry puppet was also used for the original Big Bad Wolf. Herry's birthday is August 31st. Maya Angelou (1928–2014) was a U. S. Poet Laureate, actress, and raconteur. She is best known for her series of autobiographies, including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969). Angelou appeared in several *Sesame Street* insert segments in the 1990s, including one where she plays a rhyming game to the letter *H* and claps hands with Herry Monster while he says *H* words.

Maya Angelou (1928–2014) was a U.S. Poet Laureate, actress, and raconteur (a person who tells anecdotes in a skillful and amusing way). She narrated and appeared in the *Sesame Street* special *Elmo Saves Christmas* in 1996. She also appeared in several *Sesame Street* insert segments in the 1990s, including the celebrity versions of “A New Way to Walk” and “Sing.” In other inserts, she talks about ‘N’ words to Natasha (First: Episode 3822), plays patty-cake with Elmo while she raps about ‘M’ words (First: Episode 3832) and ‘E’ words, claps hands with Herry Monster while he says ‘H’ words, and sings “My Name” with Elmo and the kids.



Julia and Holly Robinson Peete



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Julia is a four-year-old girl on *Sesame Street* who is autistic. She premiered on the show on April 10, 2017. Julia's debut marked a new phase of Sesame Workshop's autism awareness initiative, “Sesame Street and Autism: See Amazing in All Children,” which provides resources “designed to serve autistic children and their families.” The role of Julia is performed by puppeteer Stacey Gordon, whose son is autistic. Julia Bascom, current President of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN), was one of the experts consulted to create the character. Actress and autism advocate Holly Robinson Peete and her husband, former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, have a son with autism. Holly's late father, Matt Robinson, played the original character of “Gordon” on *Sesame Street* when it debuted in 1969.

Holly Robinson Peete (b. 1964) is an actress and the daughter of *Sesame Street* actor/producer Matt Robinson, the original Gordon. As a child, she appeared on the series, on at least one occasion, as one of the kids. Best known for her roles on such TV shows as *21 Jump Street*, *Hangin' with Mr. Cooper*, and the UPN sitcom *Love Inc.*, the actress has reminisced in various print and online publications about her father and his *Sesame Street* work. In 2018, she began starring in the reality series *Meet the Peetes*, which featured a *Sesame Street* set visit in an April 2019 episode. The episode showed Peete recording a “Sesame Street Memory” video, which was released online in October 2019.