



## Today in History

*July 28, 1866*

▲ **Beatrix Potter, English author and illustrator of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and other well-loved children's books featuring animals, was born in London**

**1586:** Elizabethan adventurer Sir Thomas Harriot introduced the first potatoes into England from Colombia

**1821:** Jose de San Martin and his forces liberated Peru and proclaimed its independence from Spain

**1976:** The worst earthquake of modern times killed at least 242,000 people in Tangshan, China

**2008:** King George Tupou V of Tonga relinquished his powers, ending centuries of absolute monarchy