



Norman Ault was born on December 17, 1880, in Birmingham, England. One of eight children, Ault attended King Edward IV Grammar School in Essex, England. While at school, Ault was recognized for his natural creative talents and did remarkably well in both his art and architecture courses. His artistic reputation continued to grow, and he received recognition by *The Artist* magazine as a "particularly talented artist."

With his wife, Lena, Ault created beautiful and imaginative children's books, such as *The Rhyme Book* and *The Podgy Book of Tales*. In 1920, Ault published *Dreamland Shores*, a children's book that paired poems with colorful and whimsical paintings of magnificent adventures. In addition to being a scholar of seventeenth-century British poetry, Ault was recognized by Oxford University for his talent as a writer. He died on February 6, 1950.