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Stephen McDannell Hillenburg (August 21, 1961 – November 26, 2018) was an American animator, cartoonist, and marine-biology teacher. He was the creator of the Nickelodeon animated television series *SpongeBob SquarePants* (1999–), which he also directed, produced, and wrote. It has gone on to become the fifth longest-running American animated series. Celebrate the life of this creative genius by posting a pic or comment to this Collective Memory.



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