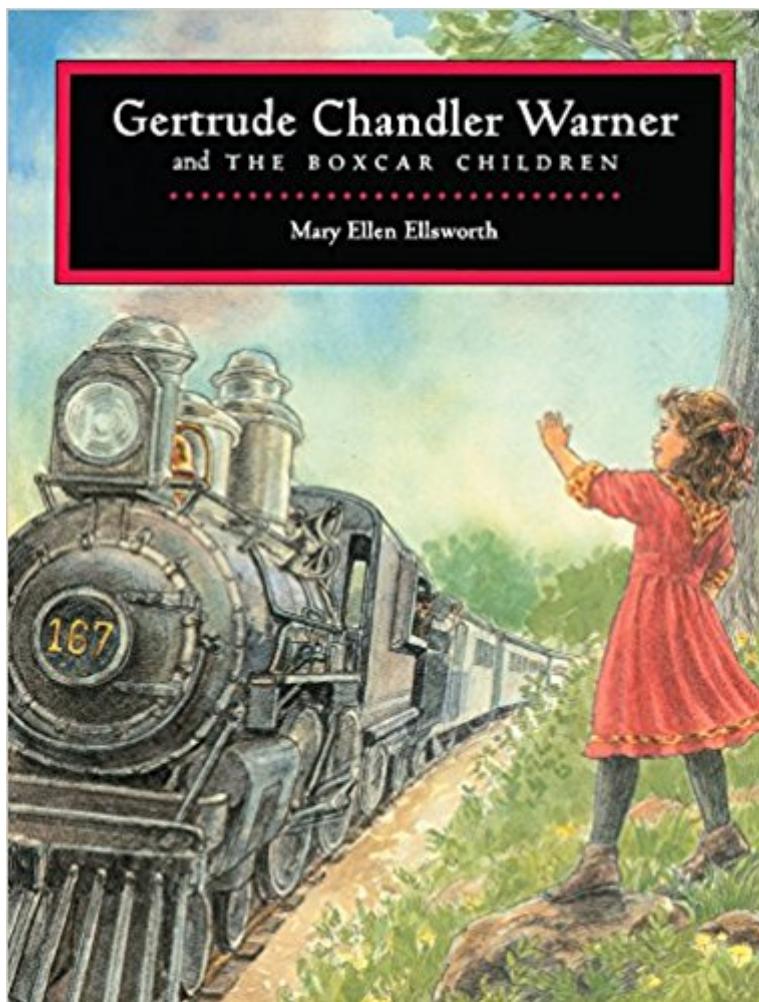


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# Gertrude Chandler Warner And The Boxcar Children



## **Synopsis**

This biography talks about Gertrude Chandler Warner's childhood living across the street from the railroad tracks, her bouts with poor health, and her rewarding teaching career. It also tells about her inspiration for The Boxcar Children.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

For a more in-depth look at the author, fans will want to pick up the newly released paperback edition of Gertrude Chandler Warner and the Boxcar Children by Mary Ellen Ellsworth, illus. by Marie DeJohn, which chronicles Warner's early years as an elementary schoolteacher in her hometown of Putnam, Conn., her work in children's publishing and the writing of the much-loved adventures. (Sept.) Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 3-6. This lively and engaging biography is well organized, following Warner's life from her childhood to her death at age 89 in 1979. The children's author's lifelong love of reading, teaching, and writing is clearly visualized from the text. Details of her methods of teaching are given, such as how she "decorated fancy hand-blown Easter eggs for every girl and boy in her class." DeJohn's black-and-white pencil-and-ink drawings add charm and warmth to the story. Ellsworth has also

included six pages of photographs, such as Warner at age 10 and the railroad yard at Putnam, CT, that was the model for the "Boxcar Children" mysteries. Sources include the publisher's pages of autobiographical material; personal interviews with colleagues, former students, and others who knew Warner; and newspaper articles. A must-purchase for any library that has an avid following of this popular author's books. ?Olga Kuharets, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, NC  
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Whether you are a fan of the popular Boxcar Children series of books or not, this is a delightful look at the life and career of the prolific children's book author, Gertrude Chandler Warner. While I was familiar with her as a children's book author, I had no idea she had written several books for adults or had led such a productive life. It was particularly interesting to learn how many books she had written over the course of her life in spite of bad health, and as an author myself, I was in awe of someone who published and illustrated her first book at the age of 9! This is an inspiring biography of a woman who achieved great things in her life and overcame tremendous challenges. If you haven't read any of the stories about the Boxcar Children, you might want to check them out. Parents and educators might want to consider using this book as a way to teach about overcoming adversity to achieve success. Â Gertrude Chandler Warner and The Boxcar Children

This book was very interesting. If you are a Gertrude Chandler Warner fan this is for you. It does not, however, inform you of why and how so many people are able to use her name since her death. Clearly none of the books since her death come close in quality to those that she herself wrote.

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