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The Boxcar Children (Boxcar Children Mysteries)



Synopsis

Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny, four orphaned brothers and sisters, suddenly appear in a small town. No one knows who these young wanderers are or where they have come from. Frightened to live with a grandfather they have never met, the children make a home for themselves in an abandoned red boxcar they discover in the woods. Henry, the oldest, goes to town to earn money and buy food and supplies. Ambitious and resourceful, the plucky children make a happy life for themselves—until Violet gets too sick for her brothers and sister to care for her.

Book Information

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Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Children's NOTES Boxcar Children Redux Two titles mark a landmark anniversary of a classic series. The first, The Boxcar Children 60th Anniversary Edition by Gertrude Chandler Warner, illus. by L. Kate Deal, contains the original text, with an introduction by Barbara Elleman, as well as a brief biography of the author, b&w photos and "An Open Letter to Children Who Ask How I Happened to Write The Boxcar Children," all contained in a handsomely designed volume. (Sept) Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I love this book. The first one is my favourite out of all the boxcar books. I lost my book I read to my children, so I wanted to get another one to read to my granddaughter. This book is about children who lost their parents and make a home in a boxcar. The book is awesome to read for yourself or to children.

My second grade teacher read this book to our class - a chapter at a time - just after recess. It captivated me as a child, and encouraged me to be as resourceful as Henry, Jess, Violet and Benny!! I am reading this book to my young grandchildren with hopes this book will generate the same industriousness in them. Sue M. Wilson - author of Home Matters

This is a fantastic book, 3 orphans running to keep from being sent to live with a relative. Without any definitive date mentioned, it appears to be set in the 1940's or 50's. The children making a home for themselves in a boxcar while the older one works to help feed them is a throwback to a time when people believed in supporting themselves and their own. Children today should enjoy this tremendously as it really shows how innovative and independent children can be when given the chance (or necessity), and this book is clean & encouraging. I highly recommend it...if you can find it.

I am 70 and there is not much about my early childhood that I remember, but I remember reading this series in the 3rd Grade. I always loved The Boxcar Children and bought this for my granddaughter to get reading the series.

Simplistic story for children. I thought it was going to be a study on orphans in the 1920s and found it to be a bedtime story for fourth graders. It was an okay story. Younger children will enjoy it..

My grandma read this book to me when I was young and I loved it, and I even went on to read many of the later Boxcar Children books. Now I have a six-year old and a four-year old and decided it was time to introduce them to the Boxcar Children. I was concerned they might not like it since it does not have a lot of pictures (though it does have some) and they would have to use their imaginations. :) However, they both loved it as much as I did when I was little. The kindle edition was perfectly formatted for my Fire.

My mom read the Boxcar Children to all of us every night after we were in bed. I just got it again for my Kindle, to read to a little boy who stayed with me for a while. He loved it. He is old enough to read these books by himself and is asking for more of the series so he can read them. One of the very best children's series that has stood the test of time!

Great classic book for kids. My mother read this series to me as a kid and I'm now 61 years old.

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