

# The Boy On The Porch

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Replay - Sharon Creech  
2009-10-06

Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech's inspired novel tells the story of a boy who fantasizes about who he is in order to discover who he will become. Now with fresh and gorgeous new cover art, this touching tale has received many starred reviews, and was called a "warm, funny, philosophical novel" by Kirkus

Reviews. With the backdrop of a large family and a theater as its frame, this is a story about twelve-year-old Leo, who has a talent for transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. That's why he's called "fog boy." He's always dreaming, always replaying things in his brain. As an actor in the school play, he is poised and ready for the curtain to open. But in the play that is his life, he is eager

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to discover what part will be his. With the universal theme of finding one's true identity, and set amid a loud, noisy, memorable family, Leo's story is one that all kids will relate to. And there's a full play at the end of the book that kids and teachers can perform!

**The Front Porch Prophet -**

Raymond L Atkins 2008-07-01

What do a trigger-happy bootlegger with pancreatic cancer, an alcoholic helicopter pilot who is afraid to fly, and a dead guy with his feet in a camp stove have in common? What are the similarities between a fire department that cannot put out fires, a policeman who has a historic cabin fall on him from out of the sky, and an entire family dedicated to a variety of deceased authors? Where can you find a war hero named Termite with a long knife stuck in his liver, a cook named Hoghead who makes the world's worst coffee, and a supervisor named Pillsbury who nearly gets hung by his employees? Sequoyah, Georgia, is the answer. After a long

absence, A. J. Longstreet finds his best friend since childhood, Eugene Purdue, on his doorstep. Eugene now has terminal cancer, and he confronts A. J. with the dilemma of executing a mercy killing when the time arrives. An adventure into the past begins for the both of them, and soon one must make a decision that will alter his life forever.

**The Sharpshooter Blues -**

Lewis Nordan 1997-01-01

The identity of the Sharpshooter becomes a central theme in a story that introduces such prospective characters as the owner of the local funeral parlor, an avid comic-book reader, a man who shoots refrigerators, and a boy who never grew up

**Moo -** Sharon Creech

2021-04-01

Following a family move to Maine, twelve-year-old Reena has no idea what to expect. She hopes it's going to be beaches, blueberries and all the lobster she can eat. She certainly doesn't expect to suddenly be put in charge of a menagerie of

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animals, belonging to the irascible Mrs Falala, who not only has a fast-wheeling pig, a secretive snake, but the most ornery cow she ever thought to meet. A wonderfully funny, moving story of one family's move to the country, and the challenges they face.

*Boy in the Well* - Douglas Lindsay 2019-05-30

DI WESTPHALL. No ordinary detective. No ordinary investigations. A twisting new crime series set in the Scottish Highlands. For fans of Stephen King, Christopher Brookmyre and John Connolly. 'A dark and satisfying mystery . . . This one comes thoroughly

recommended' James Oswald  
The body of a young boy is discovered at the bottom of a well that has been sealed for two hundred years. Yet the corpse is only days old . . . No one comes forward to identify #Boy9, and DI Ben Westphall's only suspects are the farmers on whose land the well sits. They certainly seem as though they have something to hide. But it might not be what he thinks. Soon, similarities from

an old crime emerge and Westphall must look to the past to piece together the dark and twisted events taking place in the present. \*\*\*\*\* WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT BOY IN THE WELL 'Intricately and expertly plotted . . . What an ending! One which left me wholly satisfied' 'The mystery surrounding #Boy9 as he comes to be known is a genuine puzzle and had me hooked from start to finish as I was desperate to know who he was and how he got there' 'Westphall is a great character and a breathe of fresh air in this genre. A great series you will be pleased you've found.'

**Saving Winslow** - Sharon Creech 2018-09-11

Indie Next List Pick · ALA Notable Children's Book · Texas Bluebonnet Award Winner "A winning tale of love." —Kirkus (starred review) Perfect for fans of Charlotte's Web and The One and Only Ivan, Saving Winslow is an uplifting modern classic in the making about a young boy who befriends an ailing newborn donkey and nurses him back to

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health, from New York Times bestseller and Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech. Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures. So when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him. He names him Winslow. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to his brother, Gus, who is far, far away in the army. Everyone worries that Winslow won't survive, especially Louie's quirky new friend, Nora, who has experienced loss of her own. But as Louie's bond with Winslow grows, surprising and life-altering events prove that this fragile donkey is stronger than anyone could have imagined. Written in the spirit of Creech favorites *Moo* and *Love That Dog*, this standout tale about love and friendship and letting go will tug at the heartstrings. "This heartwarming story is sure to be a hit with fans of E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web* and Kate DiCamillo's *Because of Winn-Dixie*." —School Library Journal (starred review)

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"Creech packs a tremendous amount of emotion between the lines of her understated prose. Animal lovers in particular will relish Louie's hard-won triumphs and find joy in Winslow's strength."

—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Woven into this narrative is a convincing portrayal of human growth and blossoming—the story is told simply but subtly, celebrating the unexpected strength of the vulnerable." —Horn Book (starred review)

*The Measure* - Nikki Erlick  
2022-06-28

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - The Read With Jenna Today Show Book Club Pick! "A story of love and hope as interweaving characters display: how all moments, big and small, can measure a life. If you want joy, love, romance, and hope—read with us."

—Jenna Bush Hager A luminous, spirit-lifting blockbuster for readers of *The Midnight Library*. Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice. It seems like any other day. You wake

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up, pour a cup of coffee, and head out. But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live. From suburban doorsteps to desert tents, every person on every continent receives the same box. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy. Where did these boxes come from? What do they mean? Is there truth to what they promise? As society comes together and pulls apart, everyone faces the same shocking choice: Do they wish to know how long they'll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge? The Measure charts the dawn of this new world through an unforgettable cast of characters whose decisions and fates interweave with one another: best friends whose dreams are forever entwined, pen pals finding refuge in the unknown, a couple who thought they didn't have to rush, a doctor who cannot save himself, and a politician whose

box becomes the powder keg that ultimately changes everything. Enchanting and deeply uplifting, The Measure is a sweeping, ambitious, and invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

**Pleasing the Ghost** - Sharon Creech 2009-10-06

Newbery Medal winner and master storyteller Sharon Creech spins a wonderfully funny and tender tale. As nine-year-old Dennis confronts the ghost of his uncle Arvie, Arvie's eccentric antics and wonderful wordplay keep the reader laughing. But at its tender heart, the story reveals the holes left in our lives when we lose the ones we love. Ever since nine-year-old Dennis's dad died, a veritable parade of ghosts has been passing through his bedroom. When the ghost of his uncle Arvie blows into his room on a warm breeze, Dennis isn't surprised, but Uncle Arvie is the first ghost who wants something from Dennis. Dennis would love to help Uncle Arvie, but he

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can't quite understand what Uncle Arvie is asking for. What, for example, is "Fraggle pin Heartfoot a wig pasta"? Dennis has to find out, because this is one ghost who isn't going to leave until he gets what he came for. Uncle Arvie's antics and Dennis's attempts to please his ghost form the heart of this touching story.

**Tomie dePaola's Front Porch Tales and North Country Whoppers** - Tomie dePaola 2007-11-06

These laugh-out-loud stories from New Hampshire and Vermont are set during the four seasons of the year. The storyteller in his appealing dialect tells little-known tales, among them "Mothah Skunk" and the night she had to move out with her kits because Sherman Curtis smelled so bad; the escapades of Big Gertie Benson, the lumberjack's cook and a cousin of the Bunyans in the Midwest; and George Petty, who delivered the mail even during mud season by standing on the back of his horse with only his head sticking out. Interspersed

throughout are comic style episodes as an unsuspecting tourist tries to get information from the "locals." A delightful preface about living in New Hampshire for the past thirty-five years and visiting the North Country since he was a boy, explains why Tomie dePaola has perfect pitch for the dialect and a genuine appreciation for these unforgettable characters and their understated humor. Perfect for reading aloud to the family or in the classroom with a glossary to help with the pronunciations, these tales are sure to be a hit with Tomie's fans, young and old.

*Sellout* - Ron Miller 2011  
Black conservative writer and commentator Ron Miller delivers a candid and compelling personal account on race in America in *Sellout: Musings from Uncle Tom's Porch*.

**The Road** - Cormac McCarthy 2007-03-20  
NATIONAL BESTSELLER • WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE • A searing, post-apocalyptic novel about a

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father and son's fight to survive, this "tale of survival and the miracle of goodness only adds to McCarthy's stature as a living master. It's gripping, frightening and, ultimately, beautiful" (San Francisco Chronicle). A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are

capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation. Look for Cormac McCarthy's new novel, *The Passenger*.  
*Porch Lights* - Dorothea Benton Frank 2012-06-12  
New York Times bestselling author Dorothea Benton Frank is back home in the Carolina lowcountry, spinning a tale that brims with the warmth, charm, heart, and humor that has become her trademark. *Porch Lights* is a stirring, emotionally rich multigenerational story—a poignant tale of life, love, and transformation—as a nurse, returning to Sullivans Island from the Afghanistan War, finds her life has been irrevocably altered by tragedy...and now must rediscover love and purpose with the help of her son and aging mother. An evocative visit to enchanting Sullivans Island with its unique pluff mud beaches, palmetto trees, and colorful local lore—a novel filled with unforgettable characters, and enlivened by

tales of the notorious Blackbeard and his bloodthirsty pirate crew and eerie Edgar Allan Poe stories—Porch Lights stands tall among the very best works of not only Dottie Frank, but Anne Rivers Siddons, Rebecca Wells, Pat Conroy, and other masters of the modern Southern novel as well.

**Southern Porch Settin' -**

Reed Tait 2016-04-04

Essie Sullivan de Long and Delia Jane Harwell Jarrett are best friends. They like to sit together on the porch at Essie's house and drink coffee, while indulging in their homemade desserts. And they talk about everything. Their story, set in the present-day deep South, is of two women who have known each other since high school. They face their daily lives and the way they deal with their circumstances, their grown children, faded youth, health problems and life in general, is with their dry sense of humor. This, and a backbone of tempered steel is what allows them to get through the

everyday aggravations of life in the "Gray Lane". Essie thinks she knows everything about Delia Jane. After all, they've been friends for almost 50 years. When the late-night phone call comes, she discovers she doesn't know diddley-squat about Delia's life after all. Essie has to help her friend, and we find that these two ladies aren't just the sweet little AARP Card Carrying cookie-bakers they may appear to be at first glance.

**Crossing the Stream -**

Elizabeth-Irene Baitie

2021-06-08

"A powerful coming-of-age story of self-discovery and overcoming fear."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review Ato hasn't visited his grandmother's house since he was seven. He's heard the rumors that she's a witch, and his mother has told him he must never sit on the old couch on her porch. Now here he is, on that exact couch, with a strange-looking drink his grandmother has given him, wondering if the rumors are true. What's more, there's a

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freshly dug hole in her yard that Ato suspects may be a grave meant for him. Meanwhile at school, Ato and his friends have entered a competition to win entry to Nnoma, the island bird sanctuary that Ato's father helped created. But something is poisoning the community garden where their project is housed, and Ato sets out to track down the culprit. In doing so, he brings his estranged mother and grandmother back together, and begins healing the wounds left on the family by his father's death years before. And that hole in the yard? It is a grave, but not for the purpose Ato feared, and its use brings a tender, celebratory ending to this deeply felt and universal story of healing and love from one of Ghana's most admired children's book authors. *The Great Unexpected* - Sharon Creech 2012-09-04 From Newbery Medal winner and bestselling author Sharon Creech comes a grand, sweeping yarn that is a celebration of the great and

unexpected gifts of love, friendship, and forgiveness. With a starred review from Kirkus Reviews calling it an "enchanting tale to treasure," *The Great Unexpected* captures the heart and the imagination. Humorous and heartfelt, this is a story of pairs—of young Naomi and Lizzie, both orphans in present-day Blackbird Tree, USA, and of Sybil and Nula, grown-up sisters from faraway Rook's Orchard, Ireland, who have become estranged. Young Naomi Deane is brimming with curiosity and her best friend, Lizzie Scatterding, could talk the ears off a cornfield. Naomi has a knack for being around when trouble happens. She knows all the peculiar people in town—like Crazy Cora and Witch Wiggins. But then, one day, a boy drops out of a tree. Just like that. A strangely charming Finn boy. And then the Dingle Dangle man appears, asking all kinds of questions. Curious surprises are revealed—three locked trunks, a pair of rooks, a crooked bridge, and that

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boy—and soon Naomi and Lizzie find their lives changed forever. As two worlds are woven together, Creech reveals that hearts can be mended and that there is indeed a gossamer thread that connects us all.

*Lake Wobegon Summer 1956* - Garrison Keillor 2002-08-27

Meet fourteen-year-old Gary. A self-described "tree-toad," a sly and endearing geek, Gary has many unwieldy passions, chief among them his cousin Kate, his Underwood typewriter and the soft-porn masterpiece, *High School Orgies*. The folks of Lake Wobegon don't have much patience for a kid's ungodly obsessions, and so Gary manages to filter the hormonal earthquake that is puberty and his hopeless devotion to glamorous, rebellious Kate through his fantastic yarns. With every marvellous story he moves a few steps closer to becoming a writer. And when Kate gets herself into trouble with the local baseball star, Gary also experiences the first pangs of a broken heart. With his trademark gift for treading "a

line delicate as a cobweb between satire and sentiment"(Cleveland Plain Dealer), Garrison Keillor brilliantly captures a newly minted post-war America and delivers an unforgettable comedy about a writer coming of age in the rural Midwest.

**Sharon Creech 4-Book Collection** - Sharon Creech 2014-10-28

Newbery and Carnegie Medal-winning author Sharon Creech's stories become instant classics, beloved for their genuine characters and celebration of classic themes such as the gifts of love, family, and forgiveness. This quartet collects four of her bestselling novels, including the Newbery Medal-winning *Walk Two Moons*. *Walk Two Moons*: In this Newbery-winning novel, thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious

messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold—the story of a girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother. Ruby Holler: "Trouble twins" Dallas and Florida are orphans who have given up believing there is such a thing as a loving home. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple who live in the beautiful, mysterious Ruby Holler, but they're restless for one more big adventure. When they invite the twins to join them on their journeys, they first must all stay together in the Holler, and the magic of the place takes over. The Great Unexpected: Young Naomi Deane is brimming with curiosity and her best friend, Lizzie Scatterding, could talk the ears off a cornfield. Naomi has a knack for being around when trouble happens. She knows all the peculiar people in town—like Crazy Cora and Witch Wiggins. But then, one day, a boy drops out of a tree.

Just like that. A strangely charming Finn boy. And then the Dingle Dangle man appears, asking all kinds of questions. Curious surprises are revealed—three locked trunks, a pair of rooks, a crooked bridge, and that boy—and soon Naomi and Lizzie find their lives changed forever. The Boy on the Porch: When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy Jacob can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And, as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways.

Sounder - William H.

Armstrong 2011-07-12

This powerful Newbery-winning classic tells the story of the great coon dog Sounder and his family. An African American boy and his family rarely have enough to eat.

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Each night, the boy's father takes their dog, Sounder, out to look for food. The man grows more desperate by the day. When food suddenly appears on the table one morning, it seems like a blessing. But the sheriff and his deputies are not far behind. The ever-loyal Sounder remains determined to help the family he loves as hard times bear down. This classic novel shows the courage, love, and faith that bind a family together despite the racism and inhumanity they face in the nineteenth-century deep South. Readers who enjoy timeless dog stories such as *Old Yeller* and *Where the Red Fern Grows* will find much to love in *Sounder*, even as they read through tears at times.

**Seeing into Tomorrow** - Nina Crews 2018-02-01

A remarkable celebration of Richard Wright, poetry, and contemporary black boys at play. From walking a dog to watching a sunset to finding a beetle, Richard Wright's haiku puts everyday moments into focus. Now, more than fifty

years after they were written, these poems continue to reflect our everyday experiences.

Paired with the photo-collage artwork of Nina Crews, *Seeing into Tomorrow* celebrates the lives of contemporary African American boys and offers an accessible introduction to one of the most important African American writers of the twentieth century.

**The Boy on the Porch** -

Sharon Creech 2013-09-03

"This quiet novel sings. A graceful profound story for all ages that speaks well beyond its intended audience."

—Kirkus (starred review) Fans of Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech's *Ruby Holler* will love this tween novel about opening your heart and finding family when you least expect it. When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn.

Unable to speak, the boy, Jacob, can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his

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**Little Cliff and the Porch People** - Clifton L. Taulbert 1999

Sent to buy special butter for Mama Pearl's candied sweet potatoes and told to get back lickety-split, Little Cliff is delayed by all his neighbors when they want to contribute their own ingredients.

**The Underneath** - Kathi Appelt 2008-05-06

An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free. 50,000 first printing.

**The Boy on the Porch** - Sharon Creech 2014

"One day a young couple wakes to find a boy asleep on their porch. Unable to speak, the boy cannot explain his history. What kind of people would leave their child with

strangers? All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for this boy. As their connection to him grows, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family, but how long can their happiness last?"--Jacket flap.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind - William Kamkwamba 2015-02-05

Now a Netflix film starring and directed by Chiwetel Ejiofor, this is a gripping memoir of survival and perseverance about the heroic young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village. When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's

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windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land. Retold for a younger audience, this exciting memoir shows how, even in a desperate situation, one boy's brilliant idea can light up the world. Complete with photographs, illustrations, and an epilogue that will bring readers up to date on William's story, this is the perfect edition to read and share with the whole family.

Front Porch Stories - Nancy R. Ward 2019-10-23

"Bless Your Heart, Sir" is a story of a young woman who is on vacation with her family at North Myrtle Beach. As the week began, she meets two people that would change her life forever. She was a witness to a crime that would make that week different from any other. "Adventure to Matthew's Island" finds a young girl and her brother going on an adventure with their imaginary friend. During this visit, the young girl is bitten by a bug. When they return from this imaginary trip, the young girl

becomes very ill and is taken to the hospital. She is in a coma and has an experience much like one of their adventures. Once out of the coma, she shares each detail with her family. "Rick's Place" begins with a young girl and her dog getting lost in the woods at night. They are helped by a stranger whom nobody had ever seen before. She and her family eventually discover who this stranger is and will later build a camp for abused children in his honor.

"Changed Lives" is a story of a family whose lives changed forever when their car unexpectedly stalled and exploded. The sole survivor was a young boy who had stayed with his cousins.

Eighteen years later, two young girls attend the same school. They realize that they are mirror images of each other. This is the story of how their family was reunited.

"Loral Lake Inn" tells of a true love story that ended when a young couple left school to begin their own careers. A family wedding brings them

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back together. Their journey takes them to the time where they are reunited and begin a life together. "Home for the Holidays" brings the family back to Loral Lake.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are shared with family and the people from their local town. "Town Picnic at Loral Lakes" welcomes two men to the town. The suspicious way they are acting makes the townspeople wonder who they are. The true story of these men brings a big surprise to all the people of Rogerston.

### **The Boy on the Porch** -

Sharon Creech 2013-11-07

A young couple wakes up to find a strange boy asleep on their porch. At first they don't expect him to stay, but stay he does, and as the couple's connection to him grows, the three of them blossom into an unlikely family. But where has he come from and to whom does he belong? 'A page-turner for a reader of any age.'

Publisher's Weekly

*Facing the Music* - Larry Brown  
1996-01-09

Facing the Music, Larry

Brown's first book, was originally published in 1988 to wide critical acclaim. As the St. Petersburg Times review pointed out, the central theme of these ten stories "is the ageless collision of man with woman, woman with man--with the frequent introduction of that other familiar couple, drinking and violence. Most often ugly, love is nevertheless graceful, however desperate the situation." There's some glare from the brutally bright light Larry Brown shines on his subjects. This is the work of a writer unafraid to gaze directly at characters challenged by crisis and pathology. But for readers who are willing to look, unblinkingly, along with the writer, there are unusual rewards.

### **The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs** - Betty G.

Birney 2008-06-30

Life in Sassafras Springs has always been predictable, boring even, but one afternoon that changes when Eben McAllister's pa challenges him to find Seven Wonders in Sassafras that rival the real

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Seven Wonders of the World. The reward? An adventure that Eben's been craving -- a trip to Colorado. Even doesn't think he'll have any luck -- he can't think of one single thing that could be considered wondrous in Sassafras -- but he's willing to try. Little does he know that the Wonders he'll discover among his neighbors, friends, relatives, and family will give him the adventure of a lifetime...without ever leaving his home.

The Boy on the Porch - Dee Holmes 2003-01-07

Her books have been praised for being “fresh and wonderfully written” (Publishers Weekly) and she has been called “a truly gifted writer” (Rendezvous). Now, USA Today bestselling author Dee Holmes brings us a deeply moving story of a woman whose life is transformed by a boy who suddenly appears on her porch one day... On the one-year anniversary of her husband's death, Annie Hunter comes home to find a ragged-looking boy asleep on her porch. When he awakes, she

discovers his name is Cullen Gallagher—and that he's convinced that Annie is his mother. Everyone knows his claim is preposterous, especially because she and her late husband, Richard, never had the chance to fulfill their dream of having children. Yet Annie finds herself drawn into the boy's search for his birth parents—and to Linc McCoy, the handsome, rough-edged director of the home for troubled boys where Cullen lives. Slowly, Annie begins to imagine making a place in her life for young Cullen—and for Linc, the one man who could heal her wounded heart. “Dee Holmes tugs at readers' heartstrings with great skill and insight.”—Barbara Bretton, USA Today Bestselling Author

**Porch Swings & Picket Fences** - Lisa Tawn Bergren 1999

In *Porch Swings & Picket Fences*, some of Christian fiction's most beloved storytellers present four great American love stories readers will hold dear to their hearts.

All four evoke homey, nostalgic

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feelings and a sense of getting back to the basics with feel-good stories about characters readers will love.

*One Time* - Sharon Creech  
2022-04-14

Gina Filomena has been told that she has an overactive imagination. With her bright clothing and artistic spirit, she's always felt different from the other kids in her class. That is, until she meets her neighbour, a mysterious boy called Anotonio. And when a creative new teacher, Miss Lightstone, arrives at school, Gina finds a world of possibilities opens up. A wonderful tale about the transformative power of imagination, the effects of an inspirational teacher, and the journey to becoming who you are meant to be.

*Under the Watsons' Porch* - Susan Richards Shreve  
2009-07-10

When Tommy Bowers, her cute new neighbor, starts a camp for all the kids on their street under an elderly neighbor's porch, Ellie Tremont finds her summer taking a dangerous

turn when Tommy goes too far. Reprint.

*Mad Maudlin* - Mercedes Lackey 2003

Discovering that he has an unknown younger brother named Magnus who has run away to escape his dysfunctional family, Eric the Bard races to find the missing teenager before he falls prey to Bloody Mary, an evil demon that preys on children.

*Wild River* - Rodman Philbrick  
2021-03-02

Newbery Honor author Rodman Philbrick sends readers rushing down a raging river on a life-or-death adventure when a white water rafting trip goes terribly wrong! Daniel Redmayne is fast asleep on the first night of a white water rafting trip, when he's awoken by screams. The dam has failed. The river is surging, and their camp will be under water in a matter of moments. As the shrieking roar of the river rushes closer, the kids scramble to higher ground. They make it; their counselors do not. Now they're on their own, with barely any

food or supplies, in the middle of the Montana wilderness. Do Daniel and his four classmates have what it takes to stay alive until they can get rescued?

Alone in the wild, they forge powerful bonds -- but develop dangerous disagreements. If nature doesn't break them, they might just destroy each other. This gripping survival story from the Newbery Honor author of *Wildfire* is filled with adrenaline-pumping adventure and moments of true bravery.

**Love That Dog** - Sharon Creech 2002-01-01

This is an utterly original and completely beguiling prose novel about a boy who has to write a poem, and then another, and then even more. Soon the little boy is writing about all sorts of things he has not really come to terms with, and astounding things start to happen.

**The Boy on the Porch** - Sharon Creech 2014-09-02  
Fans of Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech's *Ruby Holler* will love her latest tween novel about finding family when you least expect it. *The Boy on the*

*Porch* is a singular story about opening your heart and discovering home in unexpected places. Extras in the paperback tell of Sharon Creech's inspiration for the book! When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy, Jacob, can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And, as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways.

*A Bear Sat on My Porch Today* - Jane Yolen 2018-03-06

What to do if a rather insistent bear squats on your porch today? Followed in short order by a shaggy squirrel, a spraying skunk, a playful possum, and a bevy of forest critters large and small? This hilarious cumulative tale of reluctant hospitality and generous inclusivity will leave readers chanting, "OKAY."

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OKAY! YOU CAN STAY." But watch out! That porch is starting to sway. . . . Jane Yolen's uproarious chant-aloud story is brought to life by Rilla Alexander's dazzling retro-hip illustrations in an exuberant collaboration sure to take its place alongside such cumulative classics as *This is the House that Jack Built* and *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*.

**Porch Living** - James T. Farmer 2012-04

Displays different types of porches, comments on their decoration, and discusses the porch as an extension of the home.

**The Girl on the Porch** - Richard T. Chizmar 2019-08-31  
"When the Tuckers' next door neighbor mentions someone rang their doorbell late the previous night, Sarah and Kenny Tucker check their home's security camera and discover something shocking: the doorbell ringer also visited their house... and it was a terrified young woman with a shackle hanging from her right wrist. Almost overnight, she

becomes known as The Girl on the Porch. There is national coverage on CNN and Fox News, and the video goes viral. As days pass and no one comes forward to identify the woman, fresh footprints appear in the garden next to their house; a neighbor's pet is viciously killed; and a man starts following their daughter Natalie....

**The Boy Who Invented the Popsicle** - Anne Renaud 2019-10-01

A lively tale of a cool invention. Frank William Epperson is a curious boy who loves inventing. And since inventing begins with experimenting, he spends a lot of time in his "laboratory" (i.e., his back porch) trying out his ideas. When he invents a yummy flavored soda water drink, his friends love it! And this gets him thinking: "I wonder what this drink would taste like frozen?" Though he doesn't yet know it, Frank's curiosity will lead to his best invention ever: the Popsicle! This delicious story includes hands-on experiments and is sure to

whet the appetites of budding inventors everywhere!