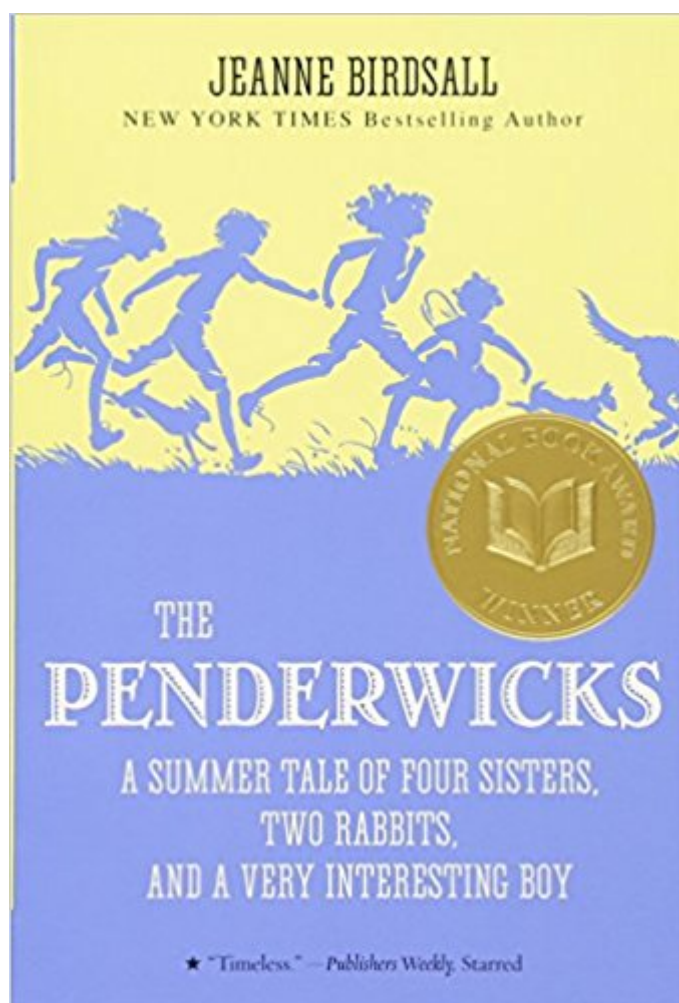




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The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale Of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, And A Very Interesting Boy



Synopsis

This series of modern classics about the charming Penderwick family from National Book Award winner and *New York Times* bestseller Jeanne Birdsall is perfect for fans of Noel Streatfeild and Edward Eager. Over one million copies sold, now with a bright new look! This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts. But the best discovery of all is Jeffrey Tifton, son of Arundel's owner, who quickly proves to be the perfect companion for their adventures. The icy-hearted Mrs. Tifton is not as pleased with the Penderwicks as Jeffrey is, though, and warns the new friends to stay out of trouble. Which, of course, they will *won't* they? One thing's for sure: it will be a summer the Penderwicks will never forget. Deliciously nostalgic and quaintly witty, this is a story as breezy and carefree as a summer day.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6 In Jeanne Birdsall's humorous novel (Knopf, 2005), four motherless sisters--Rosalind, 12, Skye, 11, Jane, 10, and Batty, 4--their absentminded professor dad, and the family dog share a summer retreat on the Massachusetts estate of Arundel. Owned by the frosty Mrs. Tifton and her lonely son, Jeffrey, Arundel's pretentious mistress treats the oddly-matched Penderwick sisters and their doting father as social misfits. Feisty Skye and sensitive Jeffrey become best friends, drawing the reluctant Mrs. Tifton and the entire Penderwick clan into a series of hilarious misadventures, including runaway pets, an encounter with a bull, and a first crush. The sisters are determined to help Jeffrey escape being sent to the Pencey Military Academy, where boys become men and men become soldiers. Susan Denaker's gentle narration of this 2005 National Book Award winner perfectly captures the subtle humor and charm of each character. Fans of Sydney Taylor's *All-of-a-Kind Family* or Maud Hart's *Betsy-Tacy* novels will love this updated version of a comfortable childhood adventure. Just the ticket for an extended family car trip.

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Starred Review Gr. 3-6. Adults who have been longing to find books for children that remind them of their own childhood favorites need look no further. Birdsall follows in the footsteps of Elizabeth Enright, Edward Eager, and Noel Streatfeild, updating the family story yet keeping all the old-fashioned charm. The motherless Penderwick sisters--Rosalind, 12; Sky, 11; Jane, 10; and Batty, 4--are spending the summer in a Berkshire cottage on the Arundel estate. Their botanist father and protective dog, Hound, are also in attendance, though Hound is far more involved with the girls than their absentminded professor dad. After a bad beginning, the girls become friends with Jeffrey, the son of the lady of the manor, Mrs. Tifton, whose main concern is the welfare of her garden. On one level, Birdsall might be criticized for one-dimensional characterizations (Mrs. Tifton, her boyfriend), and certain minor elements that don't ring true: Tifton's prizewinning garden would hardly be left in the hands of a teenager (on whom Rosalind develops a crush). But what this comforting family story does offer are four marvelously appealing sisters, true childhood behavior (disobeying, running away, a first crush), and a writing style that will draw readers close. So satisfying, the story begs for a sequel: it would be nice to see more of the Penderwicks.

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Hello. Homeschool Mom to 5... 4 girls ages 8, 10, 12&14. Boy, age 5. So that was my audience when we read the book together. 5 year old got pretty lost, but the rest of us enjoyed it. I chose to skip certain bits and change certain words as we read. I will likely try book 2 and do the same . Some words /characteristics that may or may not bother you . Things I like knowing about before handing my kids a book. A few potential spoilers ... 1. "Oh my God " is used by an upset adult .2. One child in the book often jokes about how she is going to murder someone .3. One of the girls is 12 and has a major crush . She talks about having kissed a boy & imagines what it would be like to kiss her crush.4. couple in late teens is caught kissing .5. There is some sneaking around behind parents backs .6. Some "white lies" are told .All of these are topics I prefer to talk with my kids about as we read or skip over .Overall, we laughed and enjoyed this book & look forward to trying book 2.

We picked up this book after seeing it recommended on Read-Aloud-Revival. My three girls ages 4, 6, and 8 all enjoyed this as a family read-aloud. Even my husband enjoyed the humor in it. I thought this book was well written, funny, and a really enjoyable read. Everyone wants to read more in the series.

I read this with a 7 yr old girl. As an adult, I thought it was a little boring. I asked her, and she thought it was okay but when I read it to her she laughed and was engaged. Maybe she is too young. Maybe I'm too old. It was fine but I'll give her a few years to decide if she wants to read the other books.

If you're a kid or a parent of a kid, I have a book you NEED to read. The book *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Two Rabbits, Four Sisters, and a Very Interesting Boy*, by Jeanne Birdsall, is an AMAZING BOOK. My mom bought it last fall for school, and I loved reading it. Without summer plans, Mr. Penderwick finds a little cottage in the Wicklow Mountains and books it immediately. He takes his four daughters, Rosalind, Skye, Jane, and Batty, along with their dog, and they stay for three exciting weeks. I don't want to tell you too much because I don't want to spoil your fun in reading it. I have to say my favorite character is Skye or their vacation neighbor Jeffery. I didn't like the characters Dexter or Mrs. Tifton, but the story wouldn't be the same without them. They made life hard for my favorite characters, but then I got to see him triumph. That's all I'm going to tell you; you'll just have to read the book to find out everything! All in all, *The Penderwicks* is a great read for young people like me, so

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This was good, but truly not what I was expecting. I sort of thought that I was reading a modern version of Little Women. This is a National Book Award winner. It is probably age appropriate. I am glad that I spent the time with it, but I am also glad to finish it and move on.

Do yourself a favor and read all four of the Penderwicks series. Reading The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Special Dog. Every page in this book involves you more with this family and their unique adventures. I couldn't put the book down once I started. I predict that you won't be able to either.

Being away in Disney made me want to read a "children's" book. The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy is a lovely story that reminds me of the books I read as a child like the Secret Garden. An imperfect family, the Penderwick family (consisting of the father, 4 daughters, and their dog) go spend their three-week summer vacation at a cottage they rented. Mrs. Tifton, a grumpy, snooty woman, and her son Jeffry own the cottage that is part of the Arundel estate. The girls have a wonderful way of getting themselves into mischief and adventure- sometimes planned and mostly accidental. They soon become invested in Jeffrey and what the future will hold for him. This is a beautiful and simple story that is heart warming and endearing. It's a timeless tale that could take place anywhere and anytime in the last 75 years. It's a story of love, kindness and friendship. I cannot wait to read this book to my kids. Despite the fact that it's about four girls, I think boys would enjoy this tale very much. The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy is the first in a series for four books. The second book is entitled The Penderwicks on Gardam Street. The Penderwick sisters are home and their father is starting to date again. Book #3 in the series is entitled the Penderwicks at Point Mouette. It is summer again and the Penderwick girls are off to Maine for the summer vacation. The last book in the series is The Penderwicks in Spring. The girls are five years older than the last book. What's the last book you've read that you know you have to read to your kids? I borrowed this book from the Library and loved it so much that I bought it in hard cover so that I can read it to my kids over and over. I adored this book.

I am 11 years old and am a VERY picky reader, but I love The Penderwicks. The story line is easy to follow and is very exciting, a great summer tale! I can't wait to read the rest in this series. Thank you

Jeanne Birdsall !

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