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Who's That Baby? Harper Trophy
My second life began when I was kidnapped by two complete strangers . . . That the kidnapers are actually Aunt Sandy and Uncle Max makes no difference to thirteen-year-old Domenica Santolina Doone, better known as Dinnie--she just doesn't want to go. Dinnie's accustomed to change, with her family constantly moving for "opportunity"--but when her aunt and uncle whisk her far away to an international school in Switzerland, she's not sure she's ready to face this "opportunity" alone. All at once she finds herself in a foreign country, surrounded by kids from

different cultures speaking all sorts of languages and sharing various beliefs. Home and her first life seem so far away. But new friendships and the awesome beauty of Switzerland begin to unlock thoughts and dreams within her. Her joys and struggles make up a rich tapestry of experiences she can find nowhere else. Switzerland begins to be more than a temporary home--it becomes a part of Dinnie herself, the self she never knew she could be. Switzerland is the picturesque backdrop of Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech's new novel about a young girl discovering the beauty of nature, her place in the world, the

value of friendship--and that life is full of wonderful "bloomabilites."

Ruby Holler Harper Collins

It happens just like that, in the blink of an eye. An older sister has a mental breakdown and has to be hospitalized. A younger sister is left behind to cope with a family torn apart by grief and friends who turn their backs on her. But worst of all is the loss of her big sister, her confidante, her best friend, who has gone someplace no one can reach. In the tradition of *The Bell Jar*, *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*, and *Lisa, Bright and Dark* comes this haunting first book told in poems, and based on the true story of the author's life. 2000 Best Books for Young Adults (ALA) and 2000 Quick

Picks for Young Adults (Recomm. Books for Reluctant Young Readers)

The Castle Corona Harper Collins

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 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.

Moo Harper Collins

“ Intriguing, delightful, and touching. ”

—School Library Journal (starred review)

“ Creech ’ s best yet. ” —Publishers

Weekly (starred review) It started out as an

ordinary summer. But the minute thirteen-year-old Zinny discovered the old, overgrown trail that ran through the woods behind her family's house, she realized that things were about to change. It was her chance to finally make people notice her, and to have a place she could call her very own. But more than that, Zinny knew that the trail somehow held the key to all kinds of questions. And that the only way to understand her family, her Aunt Jessie's death, and herself, was to find out where it went. From Newbery Medal-winning author Sharon Creech comes a story of love, loss, and understanding, an intricately woven tale of a young girl who sets out in search of her place in the world—and discovers it in her own backyard. An ALA Best Book for

Young Adults

Heartbeat Michael O'Mara Books

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 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!

Sharon Creech Greenwood Publishing Group
“A heartfelt novel celebrating friendship and family ties.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review) Twelve-year-old Rosie and her best friend, Bailey, don't always get along, that's true. But Granny Torrelli seems to know just how to make things right again with her interesting stories and family recipes. She understands from experience that life's twist and turns can't rattle the unique bond between two lifelong pals. Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech cooks up a delightfully tender novel filled with homemade dishes and secret recipes. It's easier to remember what's

important about love, life, and friendship while Granny Torrelli makes soup. Celebrate a special connection to a parent or grandparent by sharing this empathetic, funny book. “A tasty treat.” —ALA Booklist (starred review) “This is a meal that should not be missed.” —School Library Journal (starred review) An ALA Notable Children's Book and ALA Booklist Editors' Choice

One Time Michael O'Mara Books

Discusses the life and work of children's author, including her writing process and methods, inspirations, a critical discussion of her books, and biographical timeline.

The Next Great Paulie Fink Simon and Schuster

Short poems and songs reflect the life of a newborn baby, as he or she meets various relatives and learns about the world.

The Unfinished Angel Harper Collins
Twelve-year-old best friends Elizabeth and Tara*Starr continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara*Starr's family moves to another state, in a complex and emotionally rich novel about two friends coping with overwhelming change.

Ten Miles Past Normal Absolutely Normal Chaos

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 "enchanted 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 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.

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup Michael O'Mara Books

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 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.

The Boy on the Porch Harper Collins

In this acclaimed novel by the author of the award-winning, bestselling *The Thing About Jellyfish*, being the new kid at school isn't easy, especially when you have to follow in the footsteps of a legendary classroom prankster. When Caitlyn Breen begins her disorienting new life at Mitchell School--where the students take care of real live goats and study long-dead

philosophers, and where there are only ten other students in the entire seventh grade--it seems like nobody can stop talking about some kid named Paulie Fink. Depending on whom you ask, Paulie was either a hilarious class clown, a relentless troublemaker, a hapless klutz, or an evil genius. One thing's for sure, though: The kid was totally legendary. Now he's disappeared, and Caitlyn finds herself leading a reality-show-style competition to find the school's next great Paulie Fink. With each challenge, Caitlyn struggles to understand a person she never met...but it's what she discovers about herself that most surprises her. Told in multiple voices, interviews, and documents, this funny, thought-provoking novel from the bestselling author of *The Thing About Jellyfish* is a memorable exploration of what makes a hero--and if anyone, or anything, is truly what it seems.

Each Little Bird that Sings Oxford University Press, USA

This biography introduces readers to Newbery Medal and Carnegie Medal winning author Sharon Creech. Her books include *Absolutely Normal Chaos*, *Walk Two Moons*, *Ruby Holler*, and *Love That Dog*. Readers will learn about her childhood and college days in Ohio, her move to London, England, and how her life and family influence her award-winning titles. Easy-to-read text and full-color photos highlight Creech's childhood, education, and life as an author. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Checkerboard Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of

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The Big Book of Girl Stuff Scholastic Inc.

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.

Sharon Creech Box Set Harper Collins

"By turns sarcastic, tender, and irreverent, this will quickly make its way into the hands of readers who loved *Walk Two Moons*." —Kirkus This beloved prequel to bestselling author Sharon Creech's Newbery Medal winner *Walk Two Moons* chronicles the life of a thirteen-year-old during her most chaotic and romantic summer ever via

journal entries, filled with hilarious observations on love, death, and the confusing mechanics of holding hands. Mary Lou is less than excited about her assignment to keep a journal over the summer. Boring! Then cousin Carl Ray comes to stay with her family, and what starts out as the dull dog days of summer quickly turns into the wildest roller-coaster ride of all time. Named one of the New York Public Library's 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing!

Hate That Cat A&C Black

One day, Mr. Keene called all the students and teachers together and said, "This is a fine, fine school! From now on, let's have school on Saturdays too." And then there was more. School all weekend. School on the holidays.

School in the SUMMER! What was next . . .
SCHOOL AT NIGHT? So it's up to Tillie to show her well-intentioned principal, Mr. Keene, that even though his fine, fine school is a wonderful place, it's not fine, fine to be there all the time.

A Crooked Kind Of Perfect Harper Collins

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small animals - not even lightning bugs, worms or goldfish. So when his father brings home a sickly newborn little donkey, he's determined to save him. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to brother Gus, who has just left home. Everyone worries that Winslow won't survive, especially Louie's quirky new friend, Nora. But as his bond with Winslow grows, surprising events prove that this fragile donkey - and Louie - are stronger than anyone could have imagined.

Absolutely Normal Chaos Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Return to Miss Stretchberry's class with Jack, the reluctant poet, who over the course of a year encounters new and challenging things like metaphors, alliterations, onomatopoeia, and one mean fat black cat! The Newbery Medal-winning author of *Walk Two Moons*, Sharon Creech, introduced Jack in *Love That Dog*, a New York Times bestseller. Both *Love That Dog* and *Hate That Cat* are approachable, funny, warm-hearted introductions to poetry told from the point of view of a very real kid wrestling with school assignments. These books are fast reads that will be welcomed by middle graders as they too wonder how poetry and schoolwork connect with their interests and how to uncover their true voices. In *Hate That Cat*, Jack is only trying to save that fat black cat stuck in the tree by his bus stop—but the cat scratches him instead! At school Miss Stretchberry begins teaching new poems, everything from William Carlos Williams to Valerie Worth to T.S. Eliot. As the year progresses, Jack gradually

learns to love that cat and finds new ways to express himself. books that reveal her fingerprints as a former teacher.

The Great Unexpected Zondervan

Sharon Creech is a writer of children's novels and was the first American winner of the Carnegie Medal for British children's books. When she was young, she wanted to be many things: a painter, ice skater, singer, teacher, and reporter. As a storyteller, she could be all of them. This intriguing biography about this widely notable author and illustrator, will discuss her childhood and early influences through interviews with the author, family, and professional community.

The Elephant's Girl Harper Collins

Sharon Creech, the only author for adolescents to receive both the Newbery Medal (1994) and the Carnegie Medal (2002) writes artistically rich