

# REALISTIC FICTION

**Ballet Shoes** by Noel Streatfeild

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 4/5

**The Boxcar Children** by Gertrude

Chandler Warner (Series)

Genres: Mystery, Adventure, Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 5/5

**In Grandma's Attic** by Arleta Richardson  
(Series)

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 5/5

**The Cricket in Times Square** by

George Selden

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 4/5

**Five Little Peppers and How They**

**Grew** by Harriett Lothrop

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 4/5

**Pippi Longstocking** by Astrid Lindgren

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 4.5/5

**The Children of Noisy Village** by Astrid  
Lindgren (Series)

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 5.5

**Betsy-Tacy** by Maud Hart Lovelace  
(Series)

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 4.5/5

**Gooney Bird Greene** by Lois Lowry  
(Series)

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 5/5

**Mrs. Piggle Wiggles** by Betty MacDonald  
(Series)

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

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**Homer Price** by Robert McCloskey

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

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**Mandy** by Julie Andrews

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

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**No Children, No Pets** by Marion Holland

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

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**Mr. Poppins Penguins** by Richard and Florence Atwater  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: All Ages  
My Rating: 4.5/5

**Millie Molly Mandy** by Joyce Lankester Brisley (Series)  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: All Ages  
My Rating: 5/5

**Rainbow Garden** by Patricia St. John  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Christian, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 4.5/5

**Treasures of the Snow** by Patricia St. John  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Christian, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 5/5

**Captain Nobody** by Dean Pitchford  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 5/5

**From The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by E.L. Konigsburg  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 5/5

**Kildee House** by Rutherford Montgomery  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 5/5

**Gone-Away Lake** by Elizabeth Enright  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 4/5

**The Twenty-One Balloons** by William Pene du Bois  
Genres: Adventure, Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 5/5

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 4/5

**The Family Under The Bridge** by Natalie Savage Carlson  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 5/5

**Mandie** by Lois Gladys Leppard (Series)  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Christian, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 8+  
My Rating: 5/5

**My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 9+  
My Rating: 5/5

**The Little Gymnast** by Sheila Haigh  
Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids  
My Recommended Age: 9+  
My Rating: 4/5

**Bridge To Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: 10+

My Rating: 5/5

**Old Yeller** by Fred Gipson

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: 10+

My Rating: 4/5

**Meet The Austins** by Madeleine L'Engle (Series)

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 11+

My Rating: 5/5

**Belle Prater's Boy** by Ruth White

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Mystery, Tween

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 4.5/5

**The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 5/5

Notes: This is one of my all-time favorites: it never gets old!

**Moon Over Manifest** by Clare Vanderpool

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 4/5

**Just Like That** by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 5/5

Notes: Every single one of Gary D. Schmidt's books are literary perfection.

**The Wednesday Wars** by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 5/5

**Okay For Now** by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 5/5

**The Mitford Years** by Jan Karon

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 13+

My Rating: 5/5

Notes: These are technically adult books, but they are appropriate and so fun for all ages!

**Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy** by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Historical Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 13+

My Rating: 5/5

**Miracle's Boys** by Jacqueline Woodson

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 13+

My Rating: 4.5/5

**The Silent Boy** by Lois Lowry

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 13+

My Rating: 4.5/5

**Peace Like A River** by Leif Enger

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 14+

My Rating: 4.5/5

**A Tree Grows In Brooklyn** by Betty  
Smith

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 15+

My Rating: 5/5

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