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Mystery Ranch (The Boxcar Children Mysteries Book 4)



Synopsis

Eccentric Aunt Jane needs help on her ranch. The Aldens overturn a plot against her.

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Customer Reviews

ISBN 0807553913 - I really like the Boxcar Children series, and because the previous reviews on this one have brought these things up, I thought I'd include my thoughts: Yes, the children travel, etc alone. The book is copyrighted in 1958, when the world was a great deal safer and more innocent. If it's a concern to you, as a parent, take advantage of the chance to point out some of the ways the world has changed in the last 50 years. I also agree there's not a lot of mystery, but it's a kids' book and I have yet to read any kids' book that didn't have an entirely predictable storyline and ending. The adventure begins when Grandfather gets a letter from his sister's neighbor, who also acts as her nurse. Jane is impossible and Maggie, the neighbor, is going to leave. Grandfather is worried because his sister can't live alone, so when the girls offer to go stay with her, it seems like a perfect - if temporary - solution. On the train to Centerville, the girls meet a mysterious man who disappears as soon as they get off the train. Taking care of Aunt Jane takes their mind off the identity of the man and the girls settle in happily. Unable to resist her great-nieces, Aunt Jane

begins to respond and even starts to be happy! As the end of the summer looms, the whole family is re-united on the ranch in time to save the ranch, solve the riddle of the mystery man and celebrate Aunt Jane's birthday - and her decision to let go of an almost lifelong grudge against her brother. More sentimental than most of the rest of the series, Mystery Ranch is a good read for lessons in forgiveness, family and love, but if you're looking for true mystery, you might try a more contemporary author. And if you're a Boxcar Children fan, most definitely read this one - it's as good as the rest of the series, just in a different way.- AnnaLovesBooks

Why isn't this book as good as the rest? I hated it when i was little, much as I loved the rest of the original series. Years have passed since then and I read it again and it's not so bad. But the other reviewers are correct in the fact that this is no mystery, really. As for the purpose of this book in the scheme of the entire series, it's actually very important. This book is the important link between books 3 and the rest of the series. This book introduces Aunt Jane, a very important role in the future of the children, and it sets the groundwork for book 5, "Mike's Mystery", which takes place on the same ranch some time later. And book 5 is the springboard for Mike to be more important in later adventures. So there is a purpose to this book. I can't really recommend it though. But any child who wants to read the whole series should not skip this book - it's still part of the experience, no matter how dull it may seem, and it's really not THAT bad.

Great Series!! I purchased Books 1-4, for an 8-year old...she absolutely loves them. She enjoys reading regardless; however, since she is required to read 30-minutes every night for school, the chapter books come in very handy. More often than not, she reads beyond her 30-minutes, because she wants to finish a certain chapter, and on a few occasions, she has completed the entire book before going to bed. The stories are great, fun, interesting, the illustrations are okay. She looks forward to following the main characters throughout the different series. Highly recommend the books, and will definitely be purchasing additional series. Mystery Ranch (The Boxcar Children Mysteries #4)

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This is the last book i needed to read in the box car series i had skipped it but now i have read all

the 158 box car children books this story is a good mystery and you are always at the edge of your seat. This book is great! This book is good for ages 7-13

I loved this series when I was in grade school and started reading them with our 7 year old son. They are still just as fun and timeless as they were then. He enjoys them and our 5 and 10 year old often listen in when we are reading.

The plot in this title may not shine as bright as the others but it does still have a good "takeaway", RESPECT. Pure and simple. An old bitter lady who does nothing but disrespect her caretakers is changed through the respect given to her by the children. A rift between brother and sister that has lasted decades is repaired through respect. This is a good title to use when looking to teach young children about respecting others, even when faced with harsh words and bad attitude from people.

"The Mystery Ranch" is part of the Boxcar Children series. In my opinion, it is not as well thought out as the first book, though my 5 year old loved the whole thing. The children are still very independent, doing things unsupervised that I would never allow my children to do (travelling alone, cooking, shopping.) Of course, that's part of the fun of the Boxcar series. My daughter so identifies with the girls, she wants to BE like them. So, on a too-hot-to-breathe day I might suggest this book, if your kids have nothing better to do. It's not a waste of time, just not the author's best effort

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