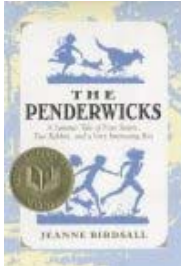


Fathers and Daughters

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall (Grades 4-8—J Birdsall/Book on CD)



Mr. Penderwick has rented a cottage for his family's holiday in August in the Berkshire Mountains near their home in Cameron, Massachusetts. The four sisters and Hound Penderwick pile into the car and finally find the cottage behind the imposing Arundel, a mansion occupied by mean Mrs. Tifton and her very interesting son, Jeffrey. Four weeks of fun and adventure, sometimes danger, follow. Can they help Jeffrey foil his mother's terrible plans for him? 2005 National Book Award for Young People.

The Penderwicks on Gardam Street by Jeanne Birdsall (Grades 4-8—J Birdsall)

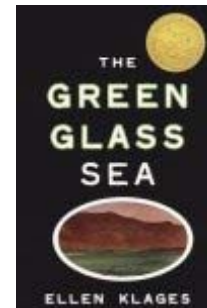
This is a happy reunion with old friends from the first Penderwicks book. The school year brings new adventures and a challenge at home—Daddy is going to start dating.

Shooting the Moon by Frances O'Roark Dowell (Grades 5-8—J Dowell)

Jamie, the 12-year-old daughter of a colonel stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, admires her father and his regular-army ways. She can't understand the Colonel's objection to her brother's enlistment right after high school. Isn't his willingness to go to Vietnam the very thing that would make her father proud?

The Green Glass Sea by Ellen Klages (Grades 5-8—J Klages)

Dewey Kerrigan is happy to finally live with her scientist father again. At the start of WWII, he left his university job to work long hours for the government and Dewey was sent to live with her grandmother. But Nana had a stroke, and now Dewey is on her way to join her father in a secret location. She doesn't know until she gets her train ticket that she is going to New Mexico. There her father is with a community of scientists working on a top-secret project for the war in a town that isn't on the map. The title refers to the site of an A-bomb test that turned the sand into glass. Knowing what the main character doesn't—that this story is placed in Las Cruces at the time the atomic bomb was developed—increases the tension. Even the scientists didn't know the extent of the bomb's destructive power, the extent of the dangers of radiation, or even if the bomb would start a chain reaction that would ignite the entire atmosphere and end the world. (2007 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction)



Double Crossing: A Jewish Immigration Story by Eve Tal (Grade 5-8—J Tal)

Raizel is only 11, and she doesn't want to leave her home in the Ukraine to accompany her father as he attempts to immigrate to the United States. The journey is much more difficult than imagined, and her father's refusal to eat anything that is not kosher leads to him arriving at Ellis Island in a state of starvation, and they are sent back to Europe. Conflicting goals and principles make this a thoughtful book for young readers. There are no clear-cut answers.