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All-of-a-Kind Family [Unabridged CD Version]



Synopsis

Meet the All-Of-A-Kind Family--Ella, Henny, Sarah, Charlotte and Gertie--who live with their parents in New York City at the turn of the century. They share adventures that find them searching for hidden buttons and visiting with peddlers in Papa's shop on rainy days. Unabridged.

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Customer Reviews

There's something to be said for a book that makes you wish you'd been part of a poor immigrant family living in New York's upper east side on the eve of World War I. Sydney Taylor's time-honored classic does just that. Life is rich for the five mischievous girls in the family. They find adventure in visiting the library, going to market with Mama, even dusting the front room. Young readers who have never shared a bedroom with four siblings, with no television in sight, will vicariously experience the simple, old-fashioned pleasures of talk, make-believe, and pilfered penny candy. The family's Jewish faith strengthens their ties to each other, while providing still more excitement and opportunity for mischief. Readers unfamiliar with Judaism will learn with the girls during each beautifully depicted holiday. This lively family, subject of four more "all-of-a-kind" books, is full of unique characters, all deftly illustrated by Helen John. Taylor based the stories on her own childhood family, and the true-life quality of her writing gives this classic its page-turning appeal. (Ages 9 to 12) --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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I read the whole series when I was a child, starting with *All of a Kind Family*, all the way to the last title. They were all fabulous. For the information of potential readers, the library mentioned in the first book, on East Broadway in NYC, is still there, a working library. If you visit NYC you can see it. The books present a picture of the way immigrants families worked hard to become Americans, just as they continue to today.

You will adore these. They are like a lovely, warm cross between the Little House on the Prairie books and the American Girl Rebecca Rubin stories, with a dash of Little Women. They follow the story of a Jewish family with 5 little daughters on the Lower East Side of NYC in the 19-teens, and they are full of wonderful detail about that time and place, including nice, accessible descriptions of Jewish holidays and foods that I am so glad to see in children's literature.

This story is wonderful! It has superior wording and I love the joy it brings me. The adventures of All Of a Kind Family will never get old!

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