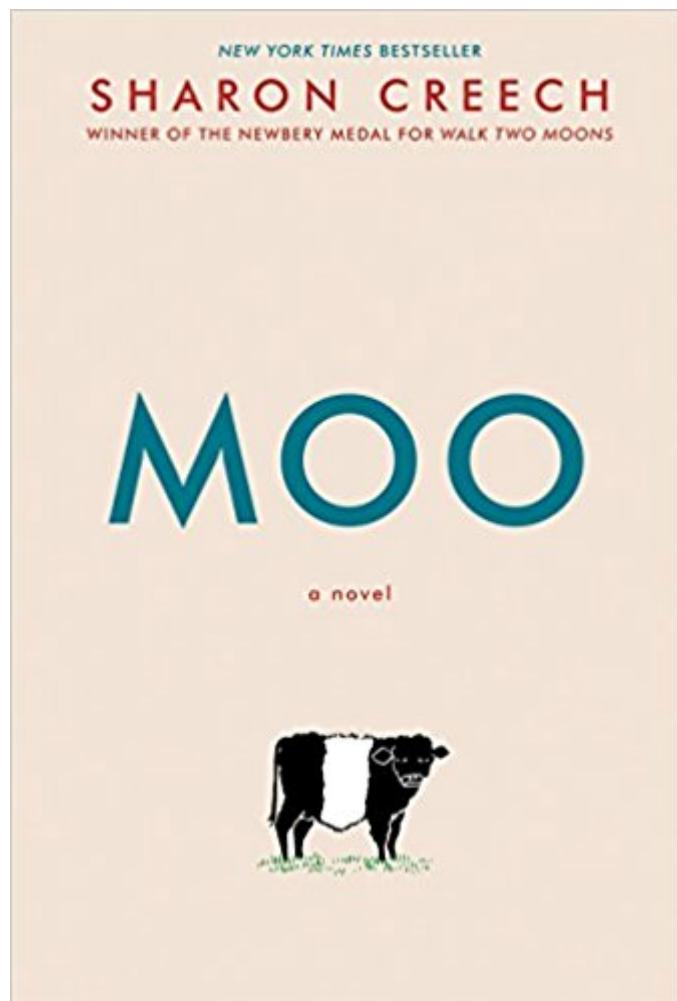


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## Moo: A Novel



## Synopsis

Fans of Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech's Love That Dog and Hate That Cat will love her New York Times bestselling tween novel, *Moo*. Following one family's momentous move from the city to rural Maine, an unexpected bond develops between twelve-year-old Reena and one very ornery cow. Now available in paperback, this uplifting tale reminds us that if we're open to new experiences, life is full of surprises. When Reena, her little brother, Luke, and their parents first move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. She's ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat. Instead, her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for an eccentric neighbor named Mrs. Falala, who has a pig named Paulie, a cat named China, a snake named Edna, and that stubborn cow, Zora. This heartwarming story, told in a blend of poetry and prose, reveals the bonds that emerge when we let others into our lives.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 3 "Creech offers a memorable family story featuring an especially difficult cow. When Reena, 12, and her brother Luke, seven, move with their parents to Maine from the noisy bustle of New York City, lots of adjustments are required. The siblings appreciate each other and generally get along. The citified family is thrust into small-town life, and things get awkward when Reena's parents force her and Luke to help out a neighbor, Mrs. Falala, who owns a small menagerie of

animals, including one very cantankerous cow. Creech employs a mix of prose and poems. The free verse poems contain spare punctuation, inventive spacing, and clever use of font. As Reena and Luke learn about farm life, they also discover more about Mrs. Falala, who impacts the lives of the family in unexpected ways. VERDICT A heartfelt tale that will be embraced by Creech's fans, work well as a classroom read-aloud, and find a spot in book groups. "Carol A. Edwards, Formerly at Denver Public Library --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Newbery Medalist Creech touches on themes of loss, friendship, and belonging in this appealing tale. The book's playful use of words sets this novel apart. Fans of *Love That Dog* will find much to love in this story of a girl, a cow, and so much more. (Kirkus Reviews (starred review)) As Reena learns that a little kindness works wonders for both people and animals, Creech's spare narrative creates vivid, emotion-packed images of landscapes, characters, and a *oethat/ wild-eyed/ heifer*, Zora, that will stay with readers. (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) Creech offers a memorable family story featuring an especially difficult cow | A heartfelt tale that will be embraced by Creech's fans, work well as a classroom read-aloud, and find a spot in book groups. (School Library Journal (starred review)) The quick pace and accessible narrative will win over reluctant readers, and it's an easy pick for fans of Creech's *Love That Dog* or animal lovers looking for a quick yet moo-ving read. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

I'm not the best person to review or rate any of Sharon Creech's books. You can just put me down for 5 stars every single time. *Moo* - a clever and heartwarming combination of prose and poetry. I only wish I'd gotten the paper copy to begin with - to put it on the shelf with the rest of my Creech favorites. Don't miss "*Moo*."

A must read for any child that goes past a pasture of cows in their neighborhood. A sure read for any kid on a farm, and any 4H member. The ending is so well written and the ending dealing with death is part of any farm child's life. Wonderful book for any third to fourth grader. I also as an adult laughed at the animals and the children as they learned to get along together. GK

an excellent book for children who don't like to read. engages attention quickly and easily, before they know it they are reading and loving it. Sharon Creech books are an excellent bridge to the world of reading.

This book is so heartfelt and amazing it teaches you about life and really touches your heart. I definitely reccomend it.

My kid wanted this book when he saw it at the Barnes & Noble, found it cheaper on and when my kid wants to actually READ instead of stare at his phone games....I BUY THE BOOK! It is a cute story.

My 10 year old daughter loves this book. She enjoys the poetry and finds it very entertaining.

Love this book. Sharon Creech is a master of middle grade voice. I have devoured all her books and she never ceases to amaze. This one is a quick read, but packed with emotion and memorable characters.

My 9 year old did not enjoy most of this book. The writing seemed weird and hard to follow

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