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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.

Gr 3-6-Five young sisters experience life in New York's Lower East Side at the beginning of the 20th century in this reading of Sydney Taylor's story (Follett, 1951). The close-knit group encounters everyday realities such as boring chores, missing library books, and trips to the Rivington Street market, as well as those details which bring the early 1900's to life--scarlet fever, peddlers, and bathing at Coney Island. Woven into the story are the traditions and holidays of the Jewish religion. The girls celebrate the Sabbath with Hebrew prayers, and dress up for Purim so they can deliver baskets to friends and relatives. Suzanne Toren delivers flawless narration, using different accents to distinguish between characters of various cultures and backgrounds. Her intonations and pacing ably reflect the actions and emotions of the characters and fully convey the warmth and humor of the story. This excellent audiobook will find an eager audience in schools and public libraries which need materials reflecting the Jewish culture or serve children who enjoy family stories such as *Little Women* and *Little House on the Prairie*.--Paula L. Setser, Deep Springs Elementary School, Lexington, KY Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

MORE OF THE ALL OF A KIND FAMILY IS A WONDERFUL BOOK I GOT IT IN THE MAIL TODAY. AND, I HAVE READ ALL READY.I LOVED THE FRIST BOOK ALOT ALSO. I JUST ORDERED THE ALL OF A KIND FAMILY UPTOWN BOOK THREE I WILL FOLLOW THAT WITH BOOKS FOUR AND FIVE THEY ARE REAL FAMILY CLASSICS. AND I LOVE THEM. YOU WILL TOO BUY BUY ALL OF THEM AND READ THEM YOU WILL LOVE THEM LIKE I DO.

My 8 and 11 year old children LOVED this book read aloud to them during our homeschool mornings. We learned a lot about Jewish holidays and just really enjoyed laughing and crying with this family. They want more books with this family!

Read as a kid and our teacher even arranged for Sydney Taylor to visit our class! Excited to find to share with granddaughter !!!! I remember reading the complete series...

I bought it for my granddaughter, It is one of those books I loved as a child and I was happy to see it is still around for me to share with my granddaughter

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“All of a Kind Family” is a wonderful series of books that I read when I was a child. The books are about a Jewish family with five children living in New York City. The books are full of detail about the family and the city, and they are very interesting. I read them all when I was a child, and I love them now. I would say that 2 graders to 5 graders can understand them well.

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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