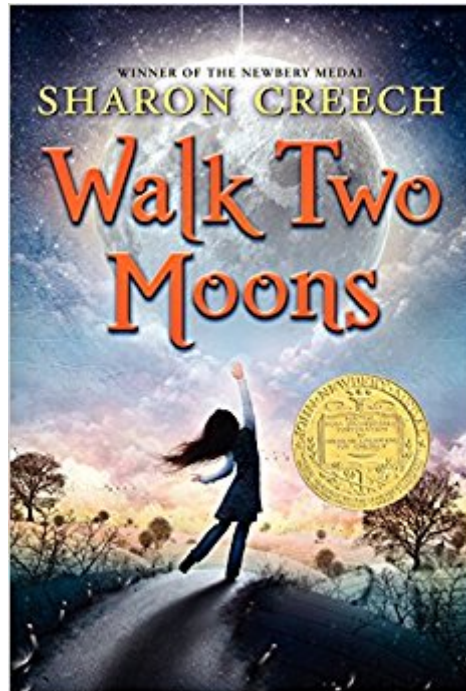




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Walk Two Moons



Synopsis

In her own singularly beautiful style, Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech intricately weaves together two tales, one funny, one bittersweet, to create a heartwarming, compelling, and utterly moving story of love, loss, and the complexity of human emotion. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold—the story of a thirteen-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.

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Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle's mother has disappeared. While tracing her steps on a car trip from Ohio to Idaho with her grandparents, Salamanca tells a story to pass the time about a friend named Phoebe Winterbottom whose mother vanished and who received secret messages after her disappearance. One of them read, "Don't judge a man until you have walked two moons in his moccasins." Despite her father's warning that she is "fishing in the air," Salamanca hopes to

bring her home. By drawing strength from her Native American ancestry, she is able to face the truth about her mother. *Walk Two Moons* won the 1995 Newbery Medal. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6-9-An engaging story of love and loss, told with humor and suspense. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle's mother leaves home suddenly on a spiritual quest, vowing to return, but can't keep her promise. The girl and her father leave their farm in Kentucky and move to Ohio, where Sal meets Phoebe Winterbottom, also 13. While Sal accompanies her eccentric grandparents on a six-day drive to Idaho to retrace her mother's route, she entertains them with the tale of Phoebe, whose mother has also left home. While this story-within-a-story is a potentially difficult device, in the hands of this capable author it works well to create suspense, keep readers' interest, and draw parallels between the situations and reactions of the two girls. Sal's emotional journey through the grieving process—from denial to anger and finally to acceptance—is depicted realistically and with feeling. Indeed, her initial confusion and repression of the truth are mirrored in the book. Overall, a richly layered novel about real and metaphorical journeys. Connie Tyrrell Burns, Mahoney Middle School, South Portland, ME Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I just finished reading this with my 9 year old - we laughed and we cried. Wonderful story which led to a wonderful conversation.

This is the second grandchild I read this book with, both were ten when we read it. This is a great book with lots of very interesting stories weaving in and out of the pages. Sal and her Mom, Sal and "Peeby", and Sal and her grandparents being the main stories. Both grandchildren loved it and got very wrapped up in the story. Just a great book for young readers and old ones too.

Excellent version for my middle school son. Makes the book a much easier read having this cd to accompany the story!! Definitely worth the extra money!

My grandson was reading this school so I read it as well to be able to talk to him about it. Really enjoyable story along with complex adult situations

I liked walk 2 moons because I learned that you should not judge a person until you have been in

his or her place. I also enjoyed the book because in my opinion some parts they put so much detail I can picture it in my imagination.

Except the sad ending, I liked almost every part of this book. The plot was complicate and realistic that it never failed to hold my absorption. It had a few lessons that are invaluable even if they are widely known ones. The story had a sad ending but the author compensated it well by making readers to think about important things in our lives. The author spiced the story with humor and suspense as well. Lastly, two interchanging stories, one in the past the other in the present, happening at the same time helped to strengthen the grasp on readers' absorption. The lesson about water in a well made me think about how I, a sinner deserving to die, am living on the mercy which I am not even grateful for or sometimes even aware of. When Salamanca stood before her mother's tomb, I became sad only to realize I should be sad when I fail to live a godly and loving life because sooner or later I will also die and after that judgement. I recommend this to everyone, even those who hate sad ending as much as I do. I only regret that I cannot give it another star for all the aforementioned reasons.

I really enjoyed this book as an adult reader. It is about losing a loved one and the book touches some many deep and difficult subjects as Salamanca takes a trip from Ohio to Idaho. Without giving away so much of the book, I can say that there are some of the scenes in the book, I would not recommend kids under 12 to read. Especially the one about still childbirth. It is a bit too much... Also I think Phoebe character was such unpleasant character, I didn't like her through out the book. Not a good example... Other than a couple of flows, I think it was a good book. I loved the little messages that kept appearing on the door... And the best one is of course the one that gives the book its title... "Never judge a man before you've walked two moons in his moccasins"

I read this with a Middle School student. She loved this book and she does not like to read. We took turns reading and found it a very engaging read.

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