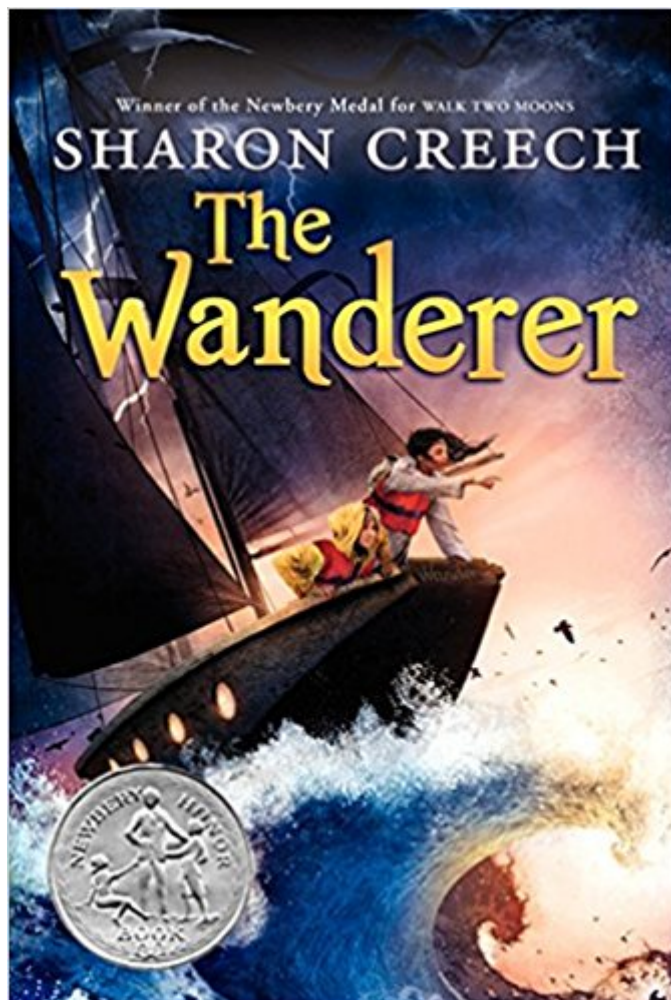


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# The Wanderer



## Synopsis

"The sea, the sea, the sea. It rolled and rolled and called to me. Come in, it said, come in." Thirteen-year-old Sophie hears the sea calling, promising adventure and a chance for discovery as she sets sail for England with her three uncles and two cousins. Sophie's cousin Cody isn't sure he has the strength to prove himself to the crew and to his father. Through Sophie's and Cody's travel logs, we hear stories of the past and the daily challenges of surviving at sea as *The Wanderer* sails toward its destination and its passengers search for their places in the world.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

"I am not always such a dreamy girl, listening to the sea calling me. My father calls me Three-sided Sophie: one side is dreamy and romantic; one is logical and down-to-earth; and the third side is hardheaded and impulsive." Thirteen-year-old Sophie, skipping between "dreamland or earthland or muleland," hears the sea calling her. Much to the concern of her adopted parents, she decides to join her uncles and male cousins on a sailing voyage from Connecticut across the Atlantic to England (and her grandfather Bompie) on a 45-foot sailboat. Not only does she want to make the trip, she feels she has to. This perilous cross-Atlantic journey will make young readers feel the wind in their hair and the salt spray on their face. Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech (*Walk Two*

Moons) describes the sailing experience with astonishing precision--from the smell of the sea to the intricate workings of *The Wanderer* itself. Along the way, Sophie proves her bravery and competence to the rather grumpy all-male crew; intrigues and captivates her cousin Cody with her beautiful, odd stories of Bompie that always somehow end in underwater disaster and apple pie; and spills her heart into a daily journal. Readers get another angle on her, too, as Cody keeps a log that alternates with hers. He grows to know, and like, and wonder about, his new cousin Sophie along with the reader, and as her mysterious past reveals itself bit by bit, we are all right there on the edge of our seats, ready for the boom to crash over to the other side. Sophie's adventures take her not only straight into perilous waves higher than buildings, but deep into her hidden past. This profound, suspenseful novel will pull you into its swift current and barely let you surface for breath. (Ages 9 to 13) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In a starred review of this Newbery Honor book, PW wrote, "Like *Walk Two Moons*, this intimate novel poetically connects journey with self-discovery. Creech once again captures the ebb and flow of a vulnerable teen's emotional life, in this enticing blend of adventure and reflection." Ages 8-12. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

An enjoyable read that explores multigenerational family dynamics and the nature of memory and storytelling in the midst of an exciting adventure at sea.

Sharon Creech does it again. An amazing book vivid with visual prose and a narrator that makes her world come to life in a unique way where you're unsure of the characters' reliability in telling her own story, keeping you anticipating the next.

This is a book that will touch your heart. As an adult I thoroughly enjoyed it. You will laugh and you will cry (or at least have some 'warm, fuzzy moments'). Totally appropriate for upper primary and above. I'm not giving anything away, simply pick the book up and enjoy. Highly recommended.

Excellent experience.

Great book

Love Sharon Creech books! Great read!

Great condition

Walk Two Moons is a beloved book, but I am disappointed in The Wanderer. If I hadn't read Walk Two Moons, I probably would have enjoyed The Wanderer more than I did. Like Walk Two Moons, the storytelling is well done and the writing is solid. Sophie is an interesting character and the growth of her and her cousins is enjoyable. What I don't like about The Wanderer is that it is essentially the same story as Walk Two Moons -- a girl on the cusp of womanhood is taken into the protection of colorful relatives who allow her the space to discover the truth about her past and her parent(s). Like Walk Two Moons there is a grandparent who needs the love and support only our hero can supply. Like Walk Two Moons, there is the moment of harsh realization. If you can read only one of the two books, read Walk Two Moons.

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