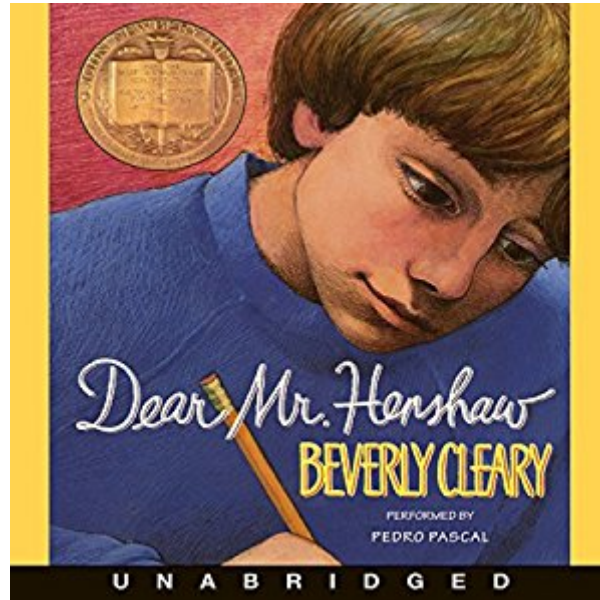


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# Dear Mr. Henshaw



## Synopsis

Newbery Medal Winner \* Teachers'™ Top 100 Books for Children \* ALA Notable Children's™ Book Beverly Cleary's™ timeless Newbery Medal-winning book explores difficult topics like divorce, insecurity, and bullying through the thoughts and emotions of a sixth-grade boy as he writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw. After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh's™ life forever. From the beloved author of the Henry Huggins, Ramona Quimby, and Ralph S. Mouse series comes an epistolary novel about how to navigate and heal from life's™ growing pains. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Just one of those books the kiddo really go into.

If you like this one, be sure to read the sequel, called Strider. My son read this one in 5th grade and Strider in 7th grade, which seemed age-appropriate.

Beverly Cleary is the best! Bought this for my 10 year old grandson but I read it first - only book of hers I hadn't read.

I love this book; I read it to my 4th graders every year. I was a little skeptical about replacing my read-aloud with a book on tape, but I find the students are much more engaged and follow along better in their own copies of the book while listening to the CD. Plus, I'm better able to monitor student behavior and conference one-on-one during this time. A great story, made even better!

Fantastic book. Sparked many conversations with my 9 year old daughter about divorce, family, perseverance, finding your own way, and growing up in general. She really enjoyed reading it. The audible version is also very good. The narrator does a terrific job.

Leigh Botts could use a friend. Instead, a lunch thief is taking the best bits out of his lunch bag every day, Leigh's parents are separated, and Leigh's dad has his dog. During a class assignment, Leigh's overwhelming feelings come pouring out to the author of a book he has enjoyed. Told in diary entries and Leigh's series of letters to this distant figure, the story covers several years and organically illustrates Leigh's burgeoning maturity. Originally isolated, Leigh enters into some friendships and begins to value himself. Conversations are realistic and character development is authentic. I enjoyed the author's work as a kid, and I think she holds up extremely well. This book was originally published in 1983, and is still relevant and accessible.

A great Middle Grade story by Beverly Cleary in "Dear Diary" form. A young boy, Leigh Botts, starts a correspondence with his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw, in second grade. Now in sixth grade, he's a new kid in a new school, because his parents have divorced. Leigh's letters to author Boyd Henshaw reveals the poignant details in his life. It shows how his relationship with his mother grows as he matures. And also shows how his relationship with his father changes over time. Leigh sees more clearly why his parents' marriage didn't work out and he comes to terms with the losses he's experienced in his life. He also recognizes some gains. Although aimed for boys, it's written sensitively enough to pull in girl readers, too.

Heard about this book from the movie *Stuck in Love* and I just have to read it. I crawled through it though like all of the classic books I read. But still, I enjoyed reading Leigh Bott's letters to Mr. Henshaw and to Pretend Mr. Henshaw. Witty, funny and honest. I hope I can write like that.

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