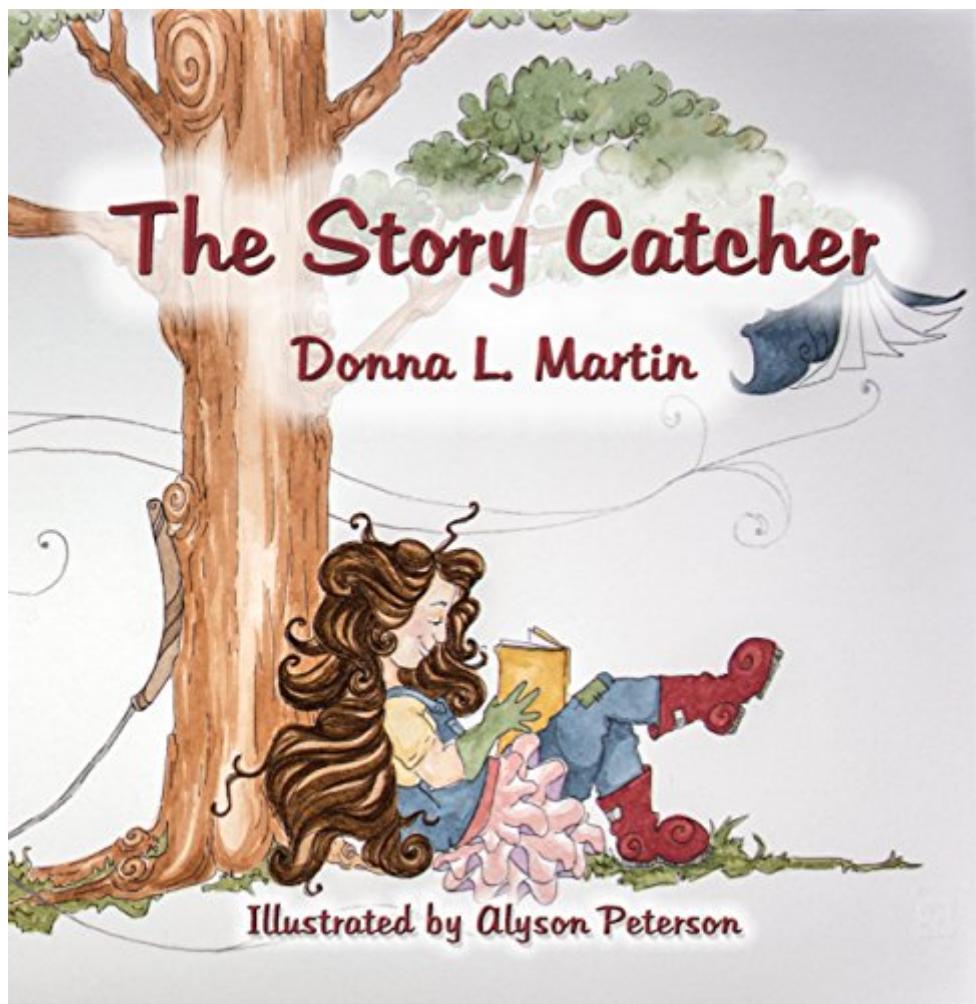


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# The Story Catcher



## **Synopsis**

Addie comes from a long line of readers, or "story catchers," as her family likes to call themselves. Every time Addie tries to catch a story on her own, though, the words play tricks on her. Addie tries everything she can think of to corral those wiggly letters, but it will take a little faith to become the next STORY CATCHER.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a story about Addie who like so many children has difficulty reading. She comes from a family of story catchers, and like them she wants to catch her own story. This book gives hope to those kids who see letters swirl and dance. It lets them know that with faith and patience they too can catch their own story. This is about persevering and not giving up. It's a great lesson for children everywhere.

I was excited to read The Story Catcher using Kindle. I am very disappointed in the Kindle version of this book. The text and illustrations are placed with four pages on one Kindle page making the text

so small it isn't readable. I have no opinion of the story itself since the text is so small. I don't recommend buying the Kindle version...

Such a cute and original idea. I love the thought of "catching stories" as we read. Addie, like many children, struggles with being a beginning reader. As a former teacher, I know how frustrating this stage of learning to read can be. Addie will give these beginners the power to persevere.

The beguiling concept of being able to catch a story is given wing in Donna Martin's picture book, *The Story Catcher*. Addie's family all have the gift — they can catch stories whenever they choose to do so but however hard Addie tries she can't work out how to catch a story by herself. Addie is reminiscent of a fairy tale heroine with her tumbling cascades of hair. Her world is weird and wonderful and full of semi-magical experiences. But Addie is no fairy tale princess. She is not rescued by a handsome prince. She has to listen and learn and solve the difficulties she faces in her own way. She has to persevere and learn to believe in herself. The metaphor of story catching works well on several levels and is rich in possibilities. I'm not entirely sure the solution satisfies but it does have a simplicity that is pleasing and upbeat. Alyson Peterson's delightfully detailed illustrations capture the whimsy and wit of this charming story to perfection. [I was provided a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.]

*The Story Catcher* written by Donna L. Martin and illustrated by Alyson Peterson. It is nice when others read to us, but sometimes we just want to catch our own story. Addie is no different. However, for her, the stories seem to be ever so elusive! Butterfly nets, lunchboxes, and even blankets are not very helpful when you wish to catch a story. Being told, "You will one day," only adds to her frustration. A bit of advice from her mom soon helps her find the solution though. Words are indeed very tricky creatures. For some, they jump all around the pages and sometimes completely disappear. This story gives inspiration to those that find "catching stories" or "catching boring homework paragraphs" difficult. Have faith in yourself and you will accomplish. Incredible and fun illustrations by Alyson Peterson accompany this little gem. The fine detail in her artwork makes you want to go back for a second look! *She* was provided a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. *She*

Addie is a little girl with difficulty reading who comes from a family of readers or "story catchers". I think this is a great story for children who are having difficulties reading. It may

help them persevere and keep working at it. It will happen for them as it did for Addie. I really liked the pictures in this story. They are colourful and imaginative. The pictures can give parents and children lots to talk about to create their own stories. For example, who might Mimi be and what might she do for a living (based on her clothing). I think this will be one of those books that are great for parents to read together with their children and for children to read on their own. I thought Story Catchers was a unique and worthy book for children. I rated it 4 stars out of 5. Thank you to the publishers for providing a copy of the book in exchange for a fair and honest review. A positive opinion was not required. All thoughts are my own. This review is published on my blog Shelf Full of Books

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The Story Catcher by Donna L. Martin is a great book for problem readers. When reading this story, Addie reminded me of myself as a child. Unlike other children, reading didn't come naturally to me. It took work, lots of it. The family members in The Story Catcher didn't give up on Addie and her reading problem. They kept sharing books with her, even Addie's brother. These positive role models knew that with time, Addie would become a Story Catcher, too. I personally didn't discover the joy in books until 7th grade. It wasn't until I became a grandmother that I figured out that I have a form of dyslexia. I really enjoyed reading The Story Catcher because it shows that everyone does not develop reading skills in the same way, at the same rate of speed. Instead, this story demonstrates that there is hope, even if it takes time. I was provided a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Synopsis: Addie loves when her family members read to her. They are experts at catching stories! But for Addie, it has always been hard to catch her own story! The words always wriggle out of reach, squish out of sight, nettle out of the net! Will Addie ever become a story catcher? What I Liked: First of all, I love that illustrations of the grandma has her in a type of aviator outfit that is a great detail! The illustrations are gorgeous and really draw one in. They have a rather whimsical feel that makes you keep reading. Ms. Martin has written a wonderful story about learning to read, or "catch" stories, while just writing a good story. I like how Addie learns that with a little faith, you can do anything! Its amazing message is a really inspiring one. Ms. Martin's debut picture book is extremely well written and fun.\*NOTE I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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