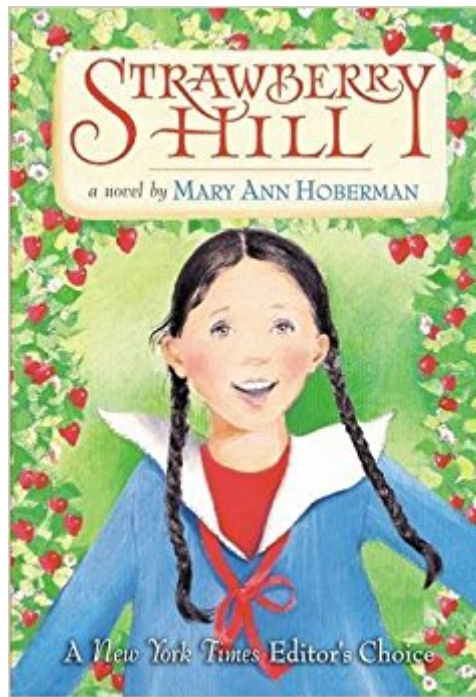


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# Strawberry Hill



## Synopsis

When 10-year-old Allie learns that her family will be moving from a two-family home to their very own house, she's hesitant until she finds out they will be living on a street with the magical name of Strawberry Hill. That changes everything! But strawberries aren't the only things Allie will have to look for in her new neighborhood. As Allie struggles to find a new "best friend" and adjust to all of the changes she faces, she takes readers on her journey to make Strawberry Hill feel like home. Strawberry Hill is a timeless story that will captivate readers, just as Mary Ann Hoberman's picture books and poems have for more than fifty years.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 10 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Strawberry Hill in Stamford, Connecticut, turns out to be nothing like what 10-year-old Allie originally thought it would be. For starters, there are no strawberry plants as far as the eye can see dotting the suburban landscape. The Willie Wonka world she imagined her new home to be turns out to look an awful lot like any other one --- with some added features for which she is completely unprepared. Anti-Semitism is the main conflict in Mary Ann Hoberman's STRAWBERRY HILL, and it brings together and breaks apart a number of fourth grade friendships. With an emphasis on the "can't we all just get along" genre, Allie's adventures in suburbanland are not without some serious

pitfalls. Among them, of course, are rocky friendships --- the young Jewish girl across the street with whom Allie feels a great connection but who is shunned by prejudiced families in the area; the next-door playmate who seems to be caught between the innocence of their nine-year-old lives and the strange and strained considerations of the adults with whom she is surrounded; her little brother, so full of wonder and yet so astute about the relationships that are forming amongst the kids; the bookie dad who's been thrown in jail; and the hobo who wanders into their new yard looking for food and friendship. Conducting this orchestra of Depression-era confusion is Allie's mom, who stands up to racism and injustice and teaches all the children a lesson about compassion, true kindness and friendship. Hoberman, an award-winning poet who is responsible for the You Read to Me books that help fledgling readers begin to read on their own, adopts a very simple and direct language, and keeps the racist undertones right at the top layer of the story so that everyone knows exactly what is going on.

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