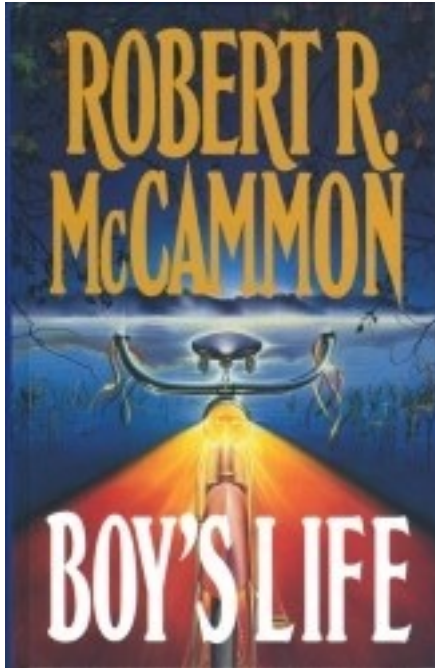

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Description

In me are the memories of a boy's life, spent in that realm of enchantments. These are the things I want to tell you....

Robert McCammon delivers "a tour de force of storytelling" (*BookPage*) in his award-winning masterpiece, a novel of Southern boyhood, growing up in the 1960s, that reaches far beyond that evocative landscape to touch readers universally.

Boy's Life is a richly imagined, spellbinding portrait of the magical worldview of the young — and of innocence lost.

Zephyr, Alabama, is an idyllic hometown for eleven-year-old Cory Mackenson — a place where monsters swim the river deep and friends are forever. Then, one cold spring morning, Cory and his father witness a car plunge into a lake — and a desperate rescue attempt brings his father face-to-face with a terrible, haunting vision of death. As Cory struggles to understand his father's pain, his eyes are slowly opened to the forces of good and evil that surround him. From an ancient mystic who can hear the dead and bewitch the living, to a violent clan of moonshiners, Cory must confront the secrets that hide in the shadows of his hometown — for his father's sanity and his own life hang in the balance....

Insightful reviews

Maciek: *Boy's Life* is one of those books you do not want to end. A beautiful coming of age story that takes place in Zephyr, Alabama. The time is the early 60's; men still work as milkmen and women devote much of their time to baking, though it has its bad sides: racial prejudices and segregation are still actual problems.

The protagonist is a 12 year old boy, named Cory Mackenson. Cory doesn't have TV and video games; but he has no problem living to the fullest without these. After all, there are bikes, dogs and baseball; there is the theater, school and friends.

And magic. Magic of childhood; Cory still has what most adult people have long lost. There is a monster in the river, an elderly black lady who is more mysterious than she looks, and Mr. Vernon Thaxter, a man of bizarre personal conduct.

Boy's Life is an extremely bittersweet novel; it doesn't matter whether or not we were born in the 60's or later, in Alabama or someplace else. It reminds us of the wonders of youth; there is a certain poetic beauty in the sense of not understanding everything, of having missed a piece of the full meaning of things. There is great beauty not only in wisdom, but in this blissful, dazed ignorance, where summers are endless, bikes can take you anywhere, and there are always parents and home to return to.

Boy's Life might have its problems, but it doesn't diminish the warm and fuzzy feeling that

accompanies the reading. It's sad when we do see them, actually: McCammon's novel reminded me that we all lose a part of this dramatic ignorance, the thing which made us children. What would you do to take seriously the science fiction movies seriously? To believe that the monster in the river might snatch you if you aren't careful? To know that your bike might take you anywhere...if you trust it?

Just read the book. It's a great, gorgeous story. McCammon invites you on a journey which is worthwhile and rewarding. And remember: the garden *is* infinitely more beautiful if there *are* fairies at the bottom of it.

Steph: You know how you can read a book, and when you are finished, you weep because there is no more? Well, this is one of those books. The story, the characters, the descriptive passages...oh, man, the descriptive passages. Positively magical was the passage about the young boys on the last day of school before summer break. I had to put the book down and savor that for a while before I continued. Read the passage to my husband (and anyone else who would listen). Ya gotta read this book!

Richard Violet: ***4.5 Stars***

Robert McCammon's coming-of-age classic, *Boy's Life*, is almost universally loved. So when I started the book and got about 5 chapters in, I was initially horrified to find that I didn't have the same warm feeling in my stomach the way others seemed to have when reading it. Had I finally realized that my taste was in fact not as impeccable as I'd thought? Was I going to have to write an unfavorable review for a beloved book and get roasted and trolled for it and lose the respect of my internet friends? Or was I going to discover that all of my internet friends just had really bad taste? The book seemed to lack a momentum, or a real narrative thread and each day-in-the-life chapter, while okay on their own, had the weakest of connections. I knew that there was still about 600 pages to go, and I was losing interest.

But then I quickly realized that I needed to start looking at the book as a collection of interlocked short stories detailing the eventful and magical year of 1964 in the life of our protagonist and hero, 12-year old Cory Mackenson, and his very special town of Zephyr, Alabama. A year when Cory transitions out of childhood and into adolescence. Every chapter stood on its own at first, but the weak threads that connected each one got stronger and stronger as the book went on. Once I started looking at it as a story collection that built on itself like a snowball, I was charmed! Yep, that's the word for it! There's a *charm* in McCammon's writing that's present in all of his work but it is at its strongest here. He has such a grasp of his material that he not only is able to command a great child's voice (which always seems terribly hard to do), but also a nostalgic one as well. And I love how these memories are all heightened in reality, the way lifelong memories always seem to be. Every time I revisit strong memories of my childhood, they're probably way more dramatic and romantic, or tragic as they were in reality. In the end, the book is very touching and I can see why it's such a classic. Another win for McCammon!

Carol: : imagine anything depraved this manner Comes with out a targeted adversarial plot line. imagine Alice Hoffman. give some thought to whatever slow, and winding, with only a hint of the unreal. reflect on tales out of your southern grandpa, instructed from the viewpoint of a grasp storyteller. Think sloooooow. The remainder of this overview may be displayed at

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Susan: This e-book made me ponder *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, with an additional trace of the paranormal. A young, respectful boy starting to be up within the 60's turns into intrigued and obsessed through a homicide in his small and uneventful community. Together with his sharp, creative mind's eye of that of a writer, he begins out on fairly an experience to unravel the crime and keep his father from his personal tortuous and moral conscience. Nice friends, nice adventure, nice tragedy and Robert McCammon's nice secret writing, make this a ebook that has whatever for everyone. George Newbern's narration used to be very good and further to the joy of the story. I will be able to see this changing into one other coming of age classic.

Stephen: 4.5 to 5.0 stars. superbly written tale that jogged my memory of a pass among Stephen King's "Stand through Me" and Ray Bradbury's whatever depraved this manner Comes. A needs to learn for fathers who've sons and for sons who love their fathers. hugely RECOMMENDED!! Winner: Bram Stoker Award for most sensible Novel Winner: global fable Award for top Novel Nominee: Locus Award for most sensible darkish Fantasy/Horror Novel

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