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# Sugar Creek Gang Books 1-6 Set (The Swamp Robber/The Killer Bear/The Winter Rescue/The Lost Campers/The Chicago Adventure/The Secret Hideout)



## Synopsis

This set includes books 1â “6 of the Sugar Creek Gang series: The Swamp Robber, The Killer Bear, The Winter Rescue, The Lost Campers, The Chicago Adventure, and The Secret Hideout. The Sugar Creek Gang series chronicles the faith-building adventures of a group of fun-loving, courageous Christian boys. These classic stories have been inspiring children to grow in their faith for more than five decades. More than three million copies later, children continue to grow up relating to members of the gang as they struggle with the application of their Christian faith to the adventure of life. In The Swamp Robber, the Sugar Creek Gang discovers a "disguise" hidden in an old tree and learns a lesson about sowing and reaping. In The Killer Bear, the Gang learns to apply the lesson of forgiving seventy times seven in the face of great danger. In The Winter Rescue, the Gang receives a startling surprise and discovers the power of prayer. In The Lost Campers, have some startling encounters in the forest and experience the meaning of being saved, both physically and spiritually. In The Chicago Adventure, the Sugar Creek Gang enjoys an action-packed trip to Chicago and learn again that the only way to heaven is through Jesus. In The Secret Hideout, Poetry's pet lamb provides a helpful explanation of Jesus' parable of the lost sheep.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I am a mom to 5 boys and our family has been hooked on the adventures of the Sugar Creek Gang for a few years now! We originally discovered the stories through an awesome set of cassette tapes.

The books were dramatized for an radio series by Paul Ramseyer of Northwestern College Radio in Minnesota and our family is now a part of the ministry, helping to produce the audio series for families to enjoy at home! Do you want your children to learn gentle lessons of courage, faith & friendship on THEIR level? Do you want to see real growth in their character? The stories are fun adventures with the truth of God's plans woven skillfully throughout. See the world through the eyes of Bill Collins, a freckle-faced, firey-tempered red head. You'll enjoy Bill's antics and the barefoot fun of all the boys in the "gang"! (As a side note, I do recommend the books be read in order. They tell an ongoing story from beginning to end.) From the back of the tapes: "Step back in time... to one-room schoolhouses, hot summer days of fishing, fun and barefoot boys. Sugar Creek Gang stories engage the imagination and draw a child's heart into a living relationship with God! Hymns, scripture verses, nature lore, poetry; sensitivity toward the disabled, the oppressed... and the courage and confidence to share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ." --- Just the right recipe for training up a child!

I read these when I was in about 4th grade in the early 1960s. Today, I see the word -gang- and think drugs and guns. These simple stories tell the childhood adventures of a group of boys growing up near Sugar Creek. They meet a mysterious hermit in the woods in one book, kill a bear in another and catch a bank robber in another. But the real appeal is the way the author paints the boys' personalities. We learn lessons with them, become friends with them, grow up with them, and significantly, discover faith in God with them. It's been 30 years and I still have a sweet spot in my heart for each of these boys. I encourage you to check 'em out.

I grew up in rural Oregon in the 60s -- a smart lonely kid living on a deadend road. The Sugar Creek Gang were my best friends and we spent many hours in the shade of a weeping willow getting in and out of trouble together. It's now 30 years later, my six-year-old son and I have exhausted the Harry Potter series, and he is learning about life in the sticks through the eyes of Paul Hutchens. Probably not a great series for most girls but for six- to 10-year-old boys -- wonderful stuff!!

For all of us old fogeys who read the Sugar Creek Gang series when they were children you should be warned, these are NOT the same books. Oh, a lot of the story is the same, and they are still evangelistic, but they have been emasculated by being 'updated for today's readers'. Just to give one quick example that I found on the second page I perused I found the following example of political correctness: the exact kind of thing that we were worried had been done to spoil the moral

message of these stories. What I assume is the original story (copyright 1942, 1968 edition Moody Publishers) of the book 'The secret hideout' there is a sentence that reads (on page 57 of that edition): "The bell rang and the girls came back in, looking at us to see if any of us had gotten a licking, and probably wishing we had, as girls sometimes do, and none of us had." The 'for today's reader' that we had been shipped now reads (page 49): "The bell rang and the girls came back in, looking at us." I await anyone's statement that this is not a sop to modern political correctness, a fear of even mentioning the historical fact that children used to get 'lickings' in school (and from their parents) let alone what the original SCG actually taught, which was that that was a good thing.

I had heard the Sugar Creek Gang series as a radio broadcast and wanted to buy the books for my son, who is now 8. He absolutely loves them. I would describe the books as being somewhere in between the Hardy Boys and Little House on the Prairie. The books are set during the same time frame as the Hardy Boys, but are set geographically in rural Indiana -- so you get a gang of boys knowledgeable in fishing, hunting, farming, one-room schoolhouses and general country living and family life. The author really works hard to tell the stories from a little boy's perspective and it works -- some of the things he says which I think are goofy completely resonate with my son. And he tells the books like one big story, connecting each book in the series with the previous one, even giving a foreshadowing of the story of the next book in the series within the final pages of the previous book. After each book, my son can't wait to get to the next one. No review of these books is complete without mentioning the faith-building messages of the books. The main narrator, a character by the name of Bill Collins, weaves in everyday Christian thoughts and messages all from a little boy's perspective. They are thought-provoking comments that are short enough to not appear to be "preachy" but with enough substance to plant a seed in the hearts and minds of children. I knew the books would be good, but reading them aloud, I realize they are great.

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