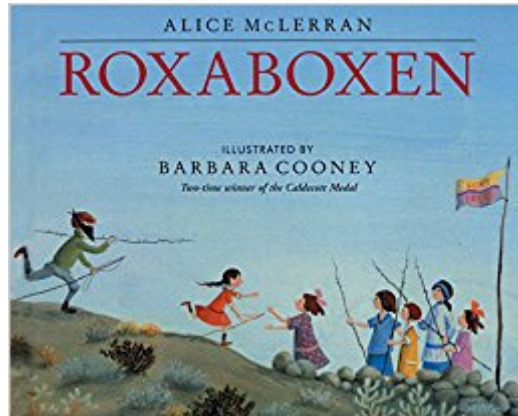




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# Roxaboxen



## Synopsis

From two-time Caldecott Medal-winning illustrator Barbara Cooney and celebrated children's book author Alice McLerran comes *Roxaboxen*, a treasured story about the magic of a child's imagination. Marian called it Roxaboxen. There across the road, it looked like any rocky hill—nothing but sand and rocks, and some old wooden boxes. But it was a special place. And all children needed to go there was a long stick and a soaring imagination. “A celebration of the transforming magic of the imagination. An original.” —ALA Booklist

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Striking artwork by a Caldecott Medalist complements an unusually evocative story about the imaginary town created by Marian, her sisters and their friends. Ages 3-8. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kindergarten-Grade 3-- This treasure of a story is about magic--the ordinary magic that every child understands: imagination. It is also a story about a treasured place: a child's imaginary town named Roxaboxen. The rules are simple: you make them up as you go along according to the whim of the

day or the personality of the residents. In Roxaboxen, "Marian was mayor, of course; that was just the way she was. Nobody minded." The rules don't even have to be consistent--as long as they make sense. Speeding was not allowed by car but "ah, if you had a horse, you could go as fast as the wind . . . All you needed for a horse was a stick and some kind of bridle." With a true child's voice, McLerran uses just the right phrase or word to make the town and its residents spring clearly off the page. Cooney's brightly colored illustrations done in her classic and recognizable style etch the town and its inhabitants indelibly on the page as well as in the mind's eye. Her soft, personable little figures give the town and its story just the right feeling. This book celebrates how children and their imaginations make fanciful things become magically real and make them last forever. Don't miss it. --Jane Marino, White Plains Pub. Lib., NY Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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This book took a long time to arrive, but so glad it made it here! What an absolutely delightful read. I enjoyed the imaginations of the children coming to life and their "town." It brought back many similar memories of my sisters and me playing outside.

Childhood favorite I wanted to share with my kids, they love it too! If/when I have grandkids, several years down the road, I want to share this with them too. It encourages imagination and outdoor play in age where everything is too ruled by electronics!

What a wonderful book that reminds me of my own childhood. Children don't need much to have a blast. Without knowing it, a moral is taught about what great fun children can have outdoors without having to have things like toys etc. Moderate number of words per page for a little bit older kids--may be 5 years and up. Nice pictures. This book makes me miss being a kid.

A true story - adults who read it say, "when I was a child, we...." and they tell about something similar that they did, because it brings back happy memories of their own childhood. And the children found their own amusement without their parents' help!

This book is an absolute favorite of mine; the story is wonderful and Barbara Cooney's illustrations are beautiful. This is a book that I recently shared with my three young nieces and plan to continue to share with others.

Beautiful book. My kids are want to create a Roxaboxen type place for our neighborhood.

This book is a real classic. If you are looking for a way to inspire your children to play more creatively outside (or inside), this book is a good one. I love the illustrations, the wording, the story. I'm a big fan of Barbara Cooney.

A favorite of our whole family. We give it to all the new families we know.

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