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How is it that Louis has been driving his mother's car around town if he's only eight years old?

Where did the cat go to have her kittens?

Who won the free wedding?

Whether it's costume parades, mysterious paint allergies, or bicycle disasters, there's never a dull moment when the Lawson family is around!

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Charlie Moses says

This collection of short stories is published as a juvenile book, but I see so many nuances that shine for an adult reader. This is an enjoyable book with an eclectic cast of characters that I will long remember.

ChristineBooks says

Doesn't even deserve a star

Phoebe says

Bagthorpes, move over. This often hysterically funny book introduces the seemingly normal Lawson family, whose attempts at normalcy are frequently foiled by their many peculiar relatives. Adults may possibly enjoy this book more than children. For example: the book opens unforgettably with the saga of the new car that Mr. Lawson buys for his wife, who loathes driving, but doesn't notice when Louis, then aged 8, begins to drive the car around town and does so for a whole year before the truth comes out. You get the picture. Don't miss this fabulous read, by the author of the great Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Miraculously, it is still in print, in paperback!

Kelsy Morrison says

I loved The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, and I love this book as well, as did my husband and kids. The author has a knack for ordinary hilarity.

Jeannie says

This is a funny family story told by Louis' older sister, Mary Elizabeth. Louis' adventures include driving his mother's car, even though he is only eight years old, raising worms in his closet, and bringing a boy he scarcely knows home to live with his family. Adult readers will get a chuckle from the family dynamics, but today's readers may not relate to the story. Although the author did not intend to demean the mother and other women in the story, they seem more foolish than funny toady.

Rachel says

I really liked it. ?????

Becky says

I honestly didn't know how to rate this book. It's very funny, and it's not easy to write funny. I'd probably give it 5 stars if I were rating it on its merits alone. But I'm also rating it as a book for children, which is what it's billed as -- it has a colorful kids' book cover and is typeset sort of like a Beverly Cleary book in a semi-large font. But at the risk of sounding like a prude, I have to note that it contains a few off-color words and an entire chapter on a neighbor woman who gets pregnant out of wedlock and makes all the kids in the town wonder where babies come from. I had to do some quick thinking to edit this book on the fly as I read it aloud to my six-year-old son. I got this one from the library because it was written by the same woman who wrote "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," which was quite suitable for my son, but I ended up being caught off guard. I'm planning to read more of her books because they're hilarious, but I'll preview them first before deciding to read any more to my son. This one was full of the kind of humor that results from people misjudging others' actions and failing to explain things to each other -- wonderful situational humor, plus sarcastic comments from the father that make it all the funnier.

Cathleen says

Absolutely hysterical. I actually liked this book more than "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." A must read!

Sarah says

I adore this book. It's a lot of fun because the family seems so normal and yet they are incredibly wacky at the same time. I read this book as a child and recently found it (sans front and back cover) mixed in with a bunch of old things from home. I read it again, not expecting much but was surprised to find I still laughed out loud in places and wanted to read paragraphs out loud for my husband to enjoy. It's more than just a book about Louis, though he does measure worms, drive a car and win a wedding, but it's also about neighborhood pregnancies, what happens when you have a terrible sense of direction and most of all- family.

Robyn says

Read at the dinner table. We all loved this book of stories, there was a lot of laughter in our house when this book was opened. Some of these stories are still mentioned in our house; especially "Louis at the Wheel".

There was one story I did not read out loud to the kids: "Louisa May and the Facts of Life". But Luke and I enjoyed it after the kids were in bed.
