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# The Cul-de-sac Kids Books 1-6 (Boxed Set)





## Synopsis

This is an exciting and lighthearted chapter book series for young readers that centers on the often humorous escapades of a group of endearing neighborhood friends. Ages 7 to 10.

## **Book Information**

Paperback: 480 pages Publisher: Bethany House Publishers; Box edition (October 1, 1995) Language: English ISBN-10: 1556618042 ISBN-13: 978-1556618048 Product Dimensions: 1.8 x 5 x 8 inches Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (52 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #78,512 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #41 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Genre Fiction > Religious & Inspirational > Mystery #231 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Religious Fiction > Christian #313 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > Values Age Range: 9 - 12 years Grade Level: 2 - 7

#### **Customer Reviews**

I bought the book for my neice who is 8 years old and just finished 2nd grade. She didn't really like to read before. She didn't findbooks that were her reading level or were scary or boring. She loved the characters, the stories, and the reading level (8-12 yrs) helped her to improve her reading. She loves to read it before bed every night. Books 1-6 are about a group of kids who develop a bond because of their location (in a culdesac). They become close friends who encourage, uplift, sometimes argue, and promise to take care of each other when there is a problem. Not all the culdesac kids are Christians. The stories usually teach a biblical topic and show how God is ever present in our lives. Some of the culdesac kids share Christ with the others. These books are great for starting a discussion about issues and concerns most kids have. I recommend this series to anyone who wants to encourage reading in their child and wants to feel secure that their child will not be reading anything questionable.

My eight-year-old is required to do three book reports each week and that can be overwhelming. But

the Cul-de-Sac Kids series is a great way to overcome that. The books are entertaining to my child. They do a great service by bridging that gap between easy, babyish books with no real plot and longer, harder books, like Harry Potter. They are easy to understand and read without being simplistic and boring. We have really enjoyed them!

The Cul-de-sac Kids Books 1-6 (Boxed Set)I was so excited to find christian based chapter books for my third-grader - especially with all the positive reviews, however I did not expect my child to be reading about Attention Deficit. One of the characters, Jason Birchall, has Attention Deficit and there are many references to "his pills." Book #4 "No Grown-ups Allowed" deals with this subject. While this is a growing problem among children, it was not something I was prepared for and didn't feel it was appropriate for my child at this stage in his life. Book #5, "Frog Power," references divorce - also something else I wasn't expecting. I didn't think I would need to worry about giving my child these books, but I guess you should always be on guard as to what you allow into your child's life.

I bought this set for our church library but had to discard the first book, which features two Korean boys, supposedly sent by "mistake" to an adoptive Christian family. The tone didn't seem right to me. A Korean friend read it, at my request, and was upset. "Not realistic," she said, in these ways: Boys would never be sent by "mistake," not only because careful records are kept but also because boys are more prized in Korea. The twin boys supposedly rejected the pink room that was prepared for them. "Korean boys like pink," she said. And little Korean boys would not be as destructive and violent as they are portrayed to be.If an author needs to set up a conflict -- be careful when you use ethnicity. We certainly could not have this in the library of our diverse church.The Koreans play a minor role in the rest of the series and their portrayal is not objectionable. I compare this series to a Christian Hardy Boys.

I found a set of these books in my house - I don't remember if I bought them or were a gift. I was going to give them to my 8-year-old son but looked at them first - and I am SO glad I did. The first book in the series involves the family adopting two Korean boys by "mistake." They had requested girls. I have SO many problems with this that I am not sure where to start. The family ends up deciding to keep the boys, as if they were puppies or something that followed them home. I try not to be too sensitive, but I was really appalled by this storyline. It is outdated and ignorant at best and offensive at worst. No kids should think they are "accidents." Yuck. I got rid of these books and have found much better series for my son.

Come join the kids of Blossom Hill Lane as they unravel mysteries, make new friends and have great fun. These wholesome books are easy to read with likeable characters and kid-friendly plots. With 24 in the series there's plenty of good reading available.

I bought two of these books at a book fair from my son's school for my 8 year old. I wasn't really sure about them at first, but with titles such as Pickle Pizza and Frog Power, I had to investigate. I was happily surprised at how fun these books are. I was even more surprised when, after buying the boxed sets of 1-6 and 7-12, my 11 and 14 year olds told me I needed to buy more. These books are fun to read and for my 8 year old who struggles with reading, these books keep him engaged. I find he trys to read more of it himself as opposed to asking me to read it to him. Now I only get to read a small portion and he gets the big paragraphs!

Great clean story without the "attitude" that you DON'T want to see your kids pick up from stories they read. This has been our 7 year old grand child's favorite book. Appropriate for boys and girls. Well written!

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