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First known as "Magical Melons."

That lovely redhead, Caddie Woodlawn, is back! Now there are more frontier adventures with the heroine of the Newbery Medal novel *Caddie Woodlawn!*

The high-spirited Caddie is back with her lively siblings for some amusing escapades. Here are fourteen new stories about frontier life with the seven Woodlawn children. They romp through the pages, discovering a secret horde of watermelons long after melon season, engaging in cattail fights, and adopting baby animals. You'll also hear of a young preacher doing a favor for a wandering Indian, a poor girl revealing a surprising talent at a medicine show, and Caddie ruining her new dress at the Independence Day celebration. *Magical Melons* is sure to capture your attention and your heart.

## **Caddie Woodlawn's Family Details**

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## **From Reader Review Caddie Woodlawn's Family for online ebook**

### **Hannah says**

Just unpacked this to put in my new bookshelves and remembered again how much I loved these stories. One of the most memorable is Warren's remake of the Song of Hiawatha! ("Minne-haha' said the pine trees/'Muddy Oshkosh' said the water/Saw the firefly, wah-wah-wah-wah") ...I have laughed aloud more than once for those. And when "Nero Plays Cupid" for seventeen-year-old sister Clara, and Caddie is amazed...and the fair where they enjoy good old-fashioned greased poles and log jumping contests...

This cover is so cute, and the ink drawings inside are just as dear. I wish books were still illustrated this way! My copy is a retired library book, but I love it anyway!

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### **Christian West says**

I found this book at a church op shop amongst the romance novels and, although the title did fit the theme, the book itself didn't. The book is a fictionalised version of Carol Ryrie Brink's grandmother's childhood in 1860s Wisconsin. Each chapter is a short story focusing on an event in the family's life, some are touching, some are amusing, some are tedious.

My favourite story was Mrs Nightingale's House and the story that followed it, The Christmas Costume, but the opening story Magical Melons was quite boring and not a good introduction for the characters. I could see this book being read to girls between 5 and 10, although some of the themes are quite old fashioned for modern children.

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### **Shawn Thrasher says**

Caddy Woodlawn's Family, a.k.a. Magical Melons, is a loosely connected book of short stories, Woodlawn mini-adventures. Not all the stories are about Caddie; the most beautiful and moving story in the collection is "The Christmas Costume, " a lovely tale starring Hetty, Caddie's tattle-taling younger sister (I shed a few tears over this one; it's incredibly moving). "Nero Plays Cupid" about the shy older sister Clara and her budding romance with a neighbor boy is also a good snapshot of 1840's pioneer life. "The Willow Basket," "Caddie Gets a Bargain," and "Go, My Son, Into the Forest" are all quite good as well.

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### **Catherine Hudson says**

This is my second time reading this book and I've found it to be delightful both times. Not quite as good as the original, but it's interesting to hear more stories about the family and friends of Caddie.

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### **Caleb says**

I liked it.

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### **Chandra Sorrells says**

Great read for older elementary

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### **Blabby Gabi says**

THIS ONE MADE ME LAUGH SOO HARD! Ol' Man Peabody was my favorite!! I read that part at least 20 times! ???♥?♥?♥?

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### **Bookworm says**

Lovely to be back with the Woodlawn family again! I enjoyed these simple yet engaging and warm tales. A thumbs up!

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### **Lacey says**

My boys and I enjoyed the continuing stories of Caddie and her family. For those of you who read and enjoyed "Caddie Woodlawn", you have to read this one too! One of my favorite stories was about Cousin Lucy and the mystery of whether she wore a wig or not. Very funny!

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### **Kathryn says**

What a wonderful read! I so enjoyed getting to spend more time with the Woodlawn family--it gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling inside. I do think "Caddie Woodlawn" has more of a plot with Caddie's character arc and the excitement with the Native Americans, etc. and is stronger than this collection of vignettes but I thoroughly enjoyed these stories. Some of them focus on other Woodlawn children, too, including one of my favorites "The Christmas Costume" featuring Henrietta. Also published under the title "Magical Melons"

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### **Joan says**

A sequel to the Newbery title Caddie Woodlawn. Not quite as good since the stories don't flow as smoothly but still excellent. I would suggest reading this after Caddie Woodlawn.

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**June Geiger says**

There's always room for more magic, even after the amazing main course which is Caddie Woodlawn. This light dessert is served in the form of slightly more disjointed stories, based on events before, during and after the Caddie Woodlawn year; TRUE events from the life of Brink's own grandmother. 4 stars instead of 5 because, well, Caddie Woodlawn HAS to be the pi`ece de r`esistance.

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**Marian says**

This was just as good as the first book "Caddie Woodlawn". Actually, it is just a continuation of the stories. It's written exactly like the first book, so I felt like I was just reading extra chapters to the first book. Which is probably why I liked it.

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**Sara says**

Worth reading if you liked *Caddie Woodlawn*, but not as good

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**Mimi says**

I'm old enough to have read this book when it had a different name (Magical Melons.) Always sweet to catch up with Caddie Woodlawn, although this one is more a collection of short stories than the unified tale of the first.

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