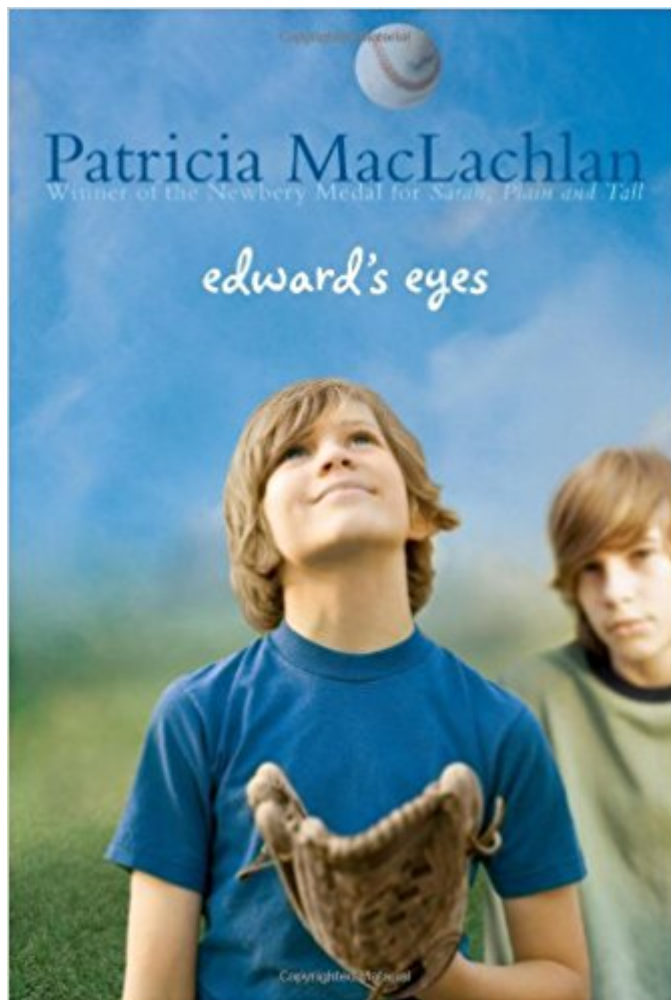


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# Edward's Eyes



## Synopsis

Jake is a part of an extraordinary family. He has a life filled with art, music, and long summer nights on the Cape. He has hours and days and months of baseball. But, more than anything in this world, Jake knows he has Edward. From the moment he was born, Jake knew Edward was destined for something. Edward could make anyone laugh and everyone think. During one special year, he became the only one in the neighborhood who could throw a perfect knuckleball. It was a pitch you could not hit. That same year, Jake learned there are also some things you cannot hold. Patricia MacLachlan, one of the most beloved children's book authors writing today, has painted a deeply stirring, delicately lyrical portrait of a child, a son, a family, and a brother. Through Edward's eyes, we see what gifts all of these things truly are to those around them, and how those gifts live on and grow.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

As always, MacLachlan's simple words speak of big things. This time they talk about the death of a beloved sibling. Was is a word "so small and so big" as Jake, 11, remembers his younger brother from the day eight years ago when their mother brought baby Edward home from the hospital and put him in Jake's lap. Jake reads to Edward, teaches him how to use the bathroom, and in their

daily summer baseball games in the yard, Edward learns to throw a perfect knuckleball that no one can hit. Edward can see the speeding ball with his wonderful eyes, and at eight, when he dies, he has never once struck out. The memories are very idyllic; there's not a trace of jealousy or anger or argument among the parents, sisters and brothers, friends, or neighbors in the small town. But the surprise at the end of the story will take readers back to the beginning, and the beautiful words will make rereading a joy. Rochman, Hazel --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Patricia MacLachlan is the author of many well-loved novels and picture books, including *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, winner of the Newbery Medal; its sequels, *Skylark* and *Caleb's Story*; *Edward's Eyes*; *The True Gift*; *Waiting for the Magic*; *White Fur Flying*; and *Fly Away*. She lives in western Massachusetts.

The book *Edward's Eyes* was for my 10 year old grandson. I read it first and really liked it. After he read it he said "It was good." I think he was a wee bit confused by the ending! Because of the book dealing with a death there are questions that certainly could use answering. Buy 2 paperbacks and share the reading with your child. Excellent way to spend some together time for a week- a chapter or so at a time.

The 5th grade students loved the story even though they were sad about the death of the young boy.

My daughter read this book in her 5th grade class. She is a reluctant reader and LOVED this book!

This book was really nice to read it talked mostly all about nice sunny days playing baseball every day and also swimming around on the beach. But at the end when the main character dies it really is a grieving book and I say only people who stand it can read it!!!!

My 12 year old son says "it was such a great book."

Depressing. Also extremely short which is probably actually a plus since it was so depressing.

I didn't like this book because it did not make sense to me. There were too many random characters

in the book.

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