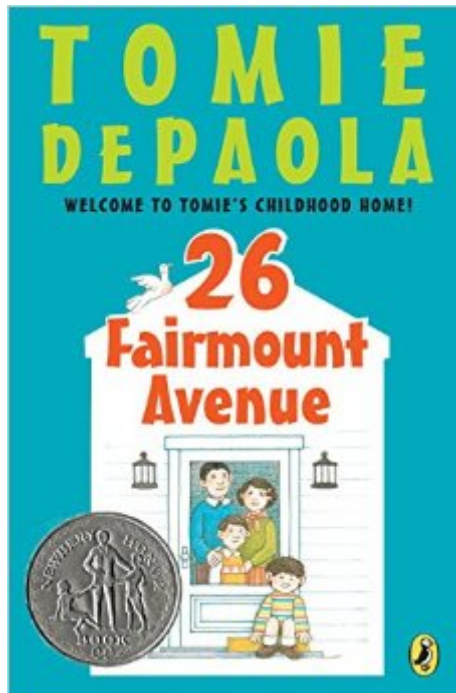


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## 26 Fairmount Avenue (Newbery Honor Book, 2000)



## Synopsis

A Newbery Honor Book Tomie's family starts building their new house at 26 Fairmount Avenue in 1938, just as a hurricane hits town, starting off a busy, crazy year. Tomie has many adventures all his own, including eating chocolate with his Nana Upstairs, only to find out--the hard way--that they have eaten chocolate laxative. He tries to skip kindergarten when he finds out he won't learn to read until first grade. "I'll be back next year," he says. When Tomie goes to see Snow White, he creates another sensation. Tomie dePaola's childhood memories are hilarious, and his charming illustrations are sure to please. "A thoroughly entertaining and charming story." "School Library Journal" DePaola successfully evokes the voice of a precocious, inquisitive five-year-old everyone would want to befriend. Charming black-and-white illustrations animate the scenes and add a period flare, including a photo album-like assemblage of the characters' portraits at the book's start. "Publishers weekly"

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

26 Fairmont Avenue, simply written, is an easily understood example of writing from life experiences. I used this book as a read-aloud with my third grade class to introduce the concept of

writing from memories and experiences. The students enjoyed hearing DePaola's story of his family's new house and were able to understand that the simplest things in our lives are often the best source of writing ideas.

In 1938, Tomie dePaola is five years old and things are really beginning to happen. His family is building a new house with two floors and will be moving out of the apartment he's lived in his whole life. He'll be starting kindergarten, hopefully learning to read, and he just can't wait. Walt Disney's Snow White is at the movies and everybody's excited about going to see it and that was the year the big hurricane struck Connecticut..... Told in the first person, Mr dePaola has written a wonderfully heartwarming, autobiographical story, full of humor, drama, suspense and just the day to day ups and downs of a little boy's life. His easy to read text is written in a gentle conversational tone and fans of dePaola will recognize characters from his picture books, (Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs). This continuity adds intimacy to the story and makes youngsters feel like a part of the family. Perfect for readers 7-11, 26 Fairmount Avenue is also a terrific read aloud family book and the first of a new series that shouldn't be missed.

"26 Fairmount Avenue" is the first of this author's chapter books. It tells about dePaola and his family as a child, moving into a new house and a tragic hurricane. Tomie tells the story with grade level words for early chapter book readers. And there are illustrations too. But they are in black and white, like alot of chapter books would be in. This book is great. It even won the Newberry Medal.

In reading this book to my first grade class, Tomie always left them wanting to know more about his life. This first book in the 26 Fairmount Avenue series takes Tomie from the summer before kindergarten through his first year at his brothers "big" school. The story focuses on experiences dealing with moving in to a new house and neighborhood, having his teacher mispronounce his name, starting tap dancing lessons and many other events that shape his beginnings at his new life at 26 Fairmount Avenue. My students enjoyed every page of this new series, cover to cover and ended up checking out the book at the library all year! We continued to read the next four books throughout the year and continue to discuss them when we see each other around school. This new beginning biography series is a must have for every primary grade classroom.

Excellent chapter book for read aloud and for young readers. This first chapter book by Tomie DePaola is the start of many to come. The book is a narrative of his childhood experience moving to

a new home. Like his picture books, this one should not be missed!

I bought this book for my 7 year old son who is finishing first grade and is just starting to read chapter books (by chapter books, I mean longer ones, not just the "Henry and Mudge" types that can be read in 20 minutes). I love this book! It is like hearing a funny grandpa tell you about his childhood. Mr. de Paola is a good narrator of his own life. My son really got a kick out of some of the antics, like how Tomie behaved while seeing Snow White in the movie theatre. I read the first chapter out loud to my son to make sure he comprehended it. It did, and then he finished the rest of the book himself. I highly recommend this book to any first or second grader. Teachers and parents would enjoy reading it as well.

26 Fairmount Avenue is a warm, personal story of popular children's author, Tomie dePaola. Young children are always curious about the authors whose books they read. Tomie's new book offers a delightful glimpse into his life as a child, something young readers will no doubt find fascinating. His connections to his earlier picture books, especially those about his grandparents, will strike a familiar note with young and old fans, alike. I think 26 Fairmount Avenue provides an authentic springboard to students' writing of their own autobiographies, at any grade level (even with my university students). We have seen so much of Tomie's life reflected in his picture books. Now he has provided older readers a place to revisit old favorites from a more mature perspective. His stories help us to realize that the events of our early lives do make strong impressions. I can't wait for the next edition!

We read this as part of Build Your Library Grade 1 curriculum. My 11 year old, 6 year old, 2 year, husband and I all enjoyed this as a read aloud novel. Tomie dePaola has always been a favorite author. Reading this quick, light-hearted look at his own childhood was a joy!

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