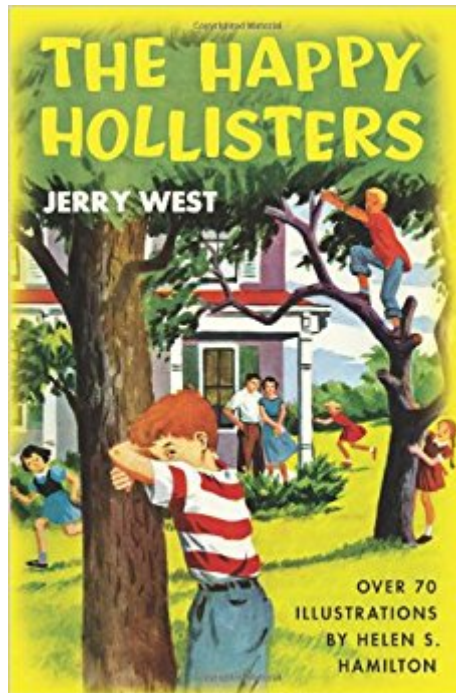




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The Happy Hollisters



Synopsis

Hooray, The Happy Hollisters are back! First published in 1953, these charming mystery-adventure stories, faithfully reproduced, are now available in paperback for the very first time! Written for boys and girls between the ages of six and twelve, The Happy Hollisters are wholesome books, with an accent on humor and good, clean fun. Integrity always pays off and right wins over wrong. Parents, grandparents, and teachers will love these books for their healthy celebration of life in simpler times. Kids will be thrilled with the fast-paced action and will not want to put them down. This is a perfect gift for the young reader in your life! The adventures for the Hollisters begin as soon as they move into their new house on the shore on Pine Lake in Shoreham. First, the moving van carrying their toys and their father's important new invention disappears. Next, they learn that their house may be haunted, with a treasure hidden somewhere inside! Right away they all set out to solve these mysteries. Each one of the Hollister children - Pete (age 12), Pam (10), Ricky (7), Holly (6) and Sue (4) - plays an important role in finding clues, along with their parents who are always ready to join in on the excitement. Even Zip, the collie, and White Nose, the cat, are part of the family, and find thrilling adventures of their own. As the Hollisters explore their new town and make friends, they discover what happened to the moving van, and learn more about the mystery surrounding their new home. Excitement abounds when a secret stairway is discovered. Then, on the trail of a mysterious intruder, their chase leads them to a deserted hut on nearby Blackberry Island. Over seventy action-packed illustrations make the story- and the Hollister family- so vivid that the reader has a feeling of really sharing in on the adventures of this lovable and interesting family.

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Customer Reviews

The Happy Hollisters by Jerry West was actually written by Andrew E. Svenson, a prolific yet somewhat anonymous, writer of books for children. Jerry West was the pen name assigned to Svenson when he started writing The Happy Hollisters for the Stratemeyer Syndicate, a book packager well-known for its development of children's book series including Tom Swift, The Bobbsey Twins, The Hardy Boys, and Nancy Drew. Many of these series were intended to have long publishing lives, and were written by multiple authors using the same pseudonym. The Happy Hollisters, however, were all written by Andrew Svenson, whose identity as Jerry West was kept secret until several years after his death in 1975. Andrew Svenson was born in Belleville, NJ, in 1910, and his interest in writing started early. He was editor of his high school newspaper and yearbook at Barringer High School in Newark, and then went on to study Creative Writing at the University of Pittsburgh. After his graduation in 1932, he worked as a reporter and editor for the Newark Star Eagle and the Newark Evening News. Andrew Svenson was encouraged by his friend Howard Garis (author of Uncle Wiggily) to try his hand at juvenile fiction. He joined the Stratemeyer Syndicate in 1948, where he contributed to established series as Franklin W. Dixon (The Hardy Boys) and as Laura Lee Hope (The Bobbsey Twins). The first volume in his own original series, The Happy Hollisters, was published in 1953 by Doubleday & Company, and he was made a partner in the Stratemeyer Syndicate in 1961. As he wrote and developed 33 titles in The Happy Hollisters, he was also creating additional series for children under other pen names: Bret King by Dan Scott and The Tollivers by Alan Stone, the first series written for and about African-American children. Andrew Svenson wrote more than 70 adventure and mystery novels for children, which were published in 17 languages and sold millions of copies. The Hollister family was modeled on his own family and he often used Svenson family events and travels as the foundation for The Happy Hollisters books. He also kept copious newspaper clippings for story ideas, and interviewed hundreds of school children and teachers for additional suggestions. These ideas were then worked into his storylines, adding an educational element that was appreciated by parents and educators alike. The children loved the stories for their elements of danger and excitement geared to their comprehension level.

I still have several of my childhood collection of Happy Hollister books. They were a joy to read. This

installment is no exception. Who would not want to search for pirate treasure? The Hollister children are a fine example of the way children used to be raised, with respect and obedience. A wonderful example to the children of today.

I had a few of the Happy Hollisters books when I was a child; they had come to me from my parents. Then I gave them away as a teenager- what a regret!! I am trying to re-collect them for my 5 children- these are great, simple right/wrong books with great messages behind the stories. Exactly what 3rd and 4th graders need to be learning...

Wonderful book so good I like how in the end they capture Bo Stenkle the robbed the Hollisters over all I think it's a great book

My first experience with the Happy Hollisters was when it was read to my class one chapter at a time in elementary school. It was our favorite time of the school week...what happened next with the Hollisters? After 40 years, I decided to see if the memories of how great the book was still measured up. I am so happy I read the book again & shared it with my grandchildren. The renewed memories brought smile to me as I read the book from beginning to end. The Happy Hollisters series of books are the best books for young readers even after all these years.

Great remembrance of favorite childhood book

This is a very cute story. The bullies were so made me so angry! But the other kids were good kids and I liked them.

7 year old daughter loves this.

I got the series of books except for the 1st book. So I got it here for my Android. I had never read these books before as a child but like Children's Mysteries. I am in my 60's now. This book had a good mystery but much of the book has to do with other things in the Hollisters family life. Good stuff, but I want only the mystery part. That is why I gave it a 4 star. Nothing bad to read at all.

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