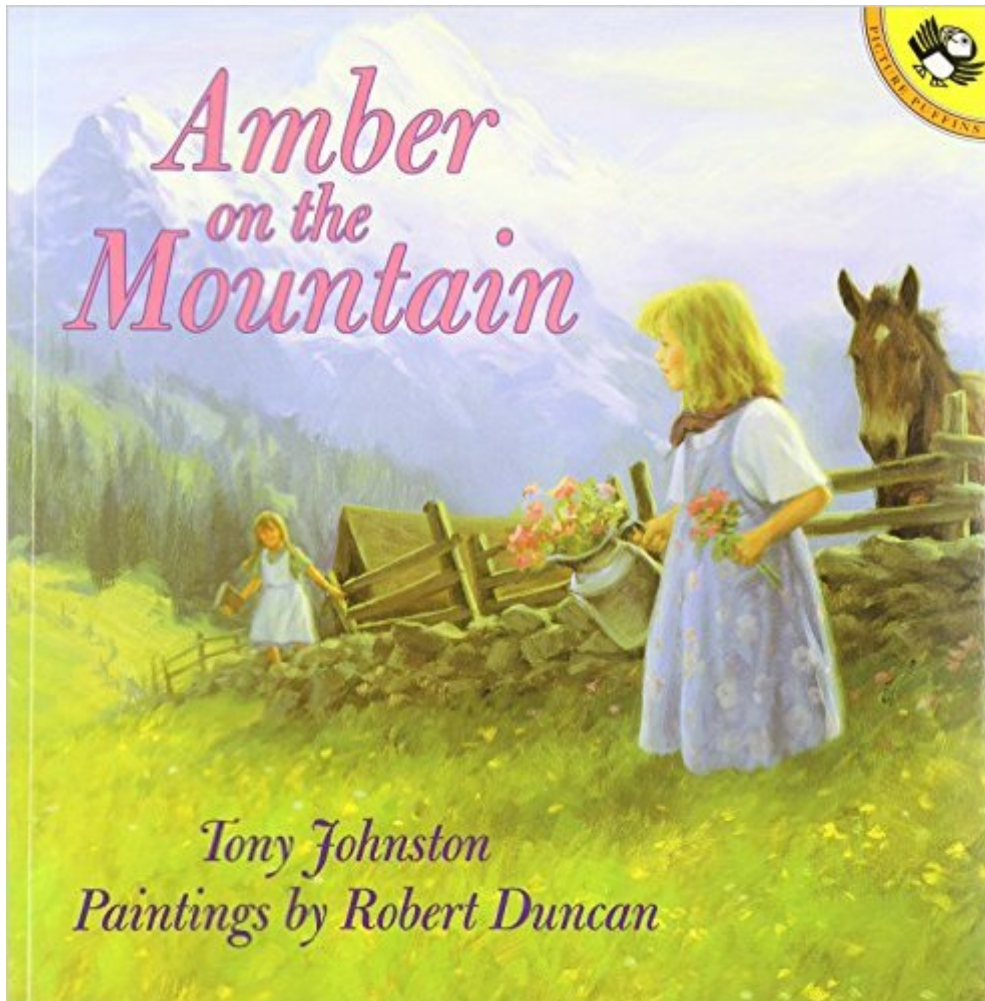


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# Amber On The Mountain (Picture Puffin Books)



## Synopsis

Amber's mountain is beautiful, but it is a lonely place until the day Anna arrives, bringing both her friendship and the will to teach Amber how to read. Suddenly, Amber's world is filled with a new magic and new challenges. But when Anna returns to the city, will Amber be able to keep reading on her own? Heartwarming. -- Publishers Weekly, starred review Tony Johnston's previous books include *Grandpa's Song* and *Yonder* (both Dial and Puffin). She lives in San Marino, California. Robert Duncan is a fine artist whose paintings have been exhibited throughout the United States. He lives in Midway, Utah.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

As a teacher I use this book to teach that children can make a positive difference and can accomplish much if they keep on trying. The illustrations are beautiful, but so are the words that describe them. So someone can read a page aloud, and then the listeners can explain what they visualize or draw what they visualize. The author uses excellent word choice and figurative language; the story can be used as an example for the writing trait "Word Choice" or for examples of figurative language and understanding of that idea. There are many good pieces written with realistic male heroic characters. The characters in this book are two determined girls and Amber's grandma.

All three characters are strongly developed by the author. Amber lives with her grandma, and that is the only "family" mentioned. The setting is the back hills, probably in the late 20th century. If you are looking for any of those features in a book: strong and able women, nontraditional family, or set in a remote rural area, then this is a great book. I was given this book as a way to teach the importance of transportation and road building to provide advantages to those who live in under developed areas of the U.S. I am a public school teacher teaching third grade. I'd rate the book appropriate for grades 2-5, depending on your purposes. I would also recommend this for a book to read at home with a parent, grandparent, or other important adult because it is enjoyable and can emphasize positive character traits such as persistence, being a friend, and working together as a family. The illustrations are just gorgeous.

This is a really special book. It is all about learning to read and write and why someone might want to do so. The pictures are among the best I've seen in any children's book. The story is well told. It's also a lovely story about friendship and giving. For a kindergartener or first grader learning to read and write it is particularly appropriate.

I was introduced to this book as an elementary school librarian and now I'm buying it for my grandchildren. The illustrations are gorgeous and the story is a delightful one of childhood friendship, but my favorite thing is the descriptive language, which is probably most appreciated by children 8 - 10, although it is certainly a great read-aloud and vocabulary builder for younger children.

Lovely story with beautiful vocabulary and imagery. We bought this for our favorite elementary school teacher for her retirement. Delightful message of reading and writing. Beautiful illustrations, as well.

This book is not only beautifully written with fantastic examples of beautiful language, but it also has an important message you want to share with children. They can do anything they put their mind to. This is a must read for all elementary school aged children. I shared it every year with my fourth grade students. Wonderful picture book!

I read this beautifully written picture book to my fourth graders at the beginning of each year that I taught. It models using beautiful language with an important message that you can do anything you

set your mind to.

This is a beautifully written picture book -- one of my very favorites ever. The language is so very rich, and the girls' personality and emotions come through so clearly in just a few lines. For younger children, it gives a glimpse of what independence and hard work can do. For older children, there's the whole world of rural Appalachia in the not-too-distant past -- a place that was so cut off from the technological advances of the rest of the world. I love the turns of phrase that are so evocative of the lyrical way of speaking that you can still hear from some of the older people from this area... Holding a book "like a fine and breakable cup", being "drenched" with a child's words that "come down like spring rain"...

I wanted to love this book, but it was just okay. The illustrations are great, but I agree with other reviewers that the language is a little stilted.

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