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Wheeler, Jill C. *Gertrude Chandler Warner*. ABDO Publishing Company, 2004. ISBN 159197609X. \$21.35. 24 pp.

Reviewer: Emily E. Johnson

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Biography;

Subject: Warner, Gertrude Chandler, 1890--Juvenile literature; Authors, American--20th century--Biography--Juvenile; Children's stories--Authorship--Juvenile literature; Book--Reviews;

This accurate and concise biography discusses Warner's life as a teacher and as an award-winning author. Wheeler outlines Warner's life with written details and photographs that show Warner's depth of character and creativity. Childhood stories of Warner enable young readers to connect with her and to gain inspiration as fellow young writers. Clear black and white photographs of Warner throughout her life are an enhancing attribute of this book. Each photo illustrates a different aspect of her life, from family to writing. Warner's first book, authored and illustrated at age nine, is also pictured. The story of how *The Boxcar Children* series was written is told as well. In order to help children better understand the biography, a glossary of highlighted terms is provided along with an index. A website is included for further referencing. Unfortunately, this website is not easy to navigate and the information is hard to find. Despite the poor website, the actual book is a good source of information. Children who enjoy the *Boxcar Children* will find this author biography an intriguing compliment to their reading.