

Shelley Pearsall is the author of four acclaimed novels for youth in grades four to eight. Her novels are used in schools across the United States, and her work has received both regional and national recognition. Her first historical novel, TROUBLE DON'T LAST, was the recipient of the prestigious Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction in 2003 and her first contemporary novel, ALL OF THE ABOVE, was a 2007 American Library Association Notable book. She has also written CROOKED RIVER and ALL SHOOK UP, which are Junior Library Guild selections.

Ms. Pearsall was the recipient of an Ohio Arts Council Fellowship in Writing in 1999, as well as being a Cleveland Bicentennial playwright and the 2005 Children's Writer-in-Residence for the James Thurber House in Columbus, Ohio.

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Currently, Ms. Pearsall divides her time between writing and public speaking in schools. She visits more than 40 schools each year to present writing workshops and assemblies for intermediate and middle school students. She is working on a new novel featuring World War II paratroopers, due out in Summer 2012. Shelley Pearsall lives in Silver Lake, Ohio with her husband Mike and her 12 year old stepson, Ethan.