



Short Biography

Barbara O'Connor is the author of award-winning novels for children, including *Wonderland*, *How to Steal a Dog*, and the *New York Times* bestseller, *Wish*. Drawing on her South Carolina roots, Barbara's books are known for their strong Southern settings and quirky characters.

In addition to seven Parents Choice Awards, Barbara's distinctions include *School Library Journal* Best Books, *Kirkus* Best Books, Bank Street College Best Books, American Booksellers Association Best Books and ALA Notables. She has had books nominated for children's choice awards in 38 states and been voted the winner by children in ten states. Barbara is a popular visiting author at schools and a frequent speaker at conferences around the country.