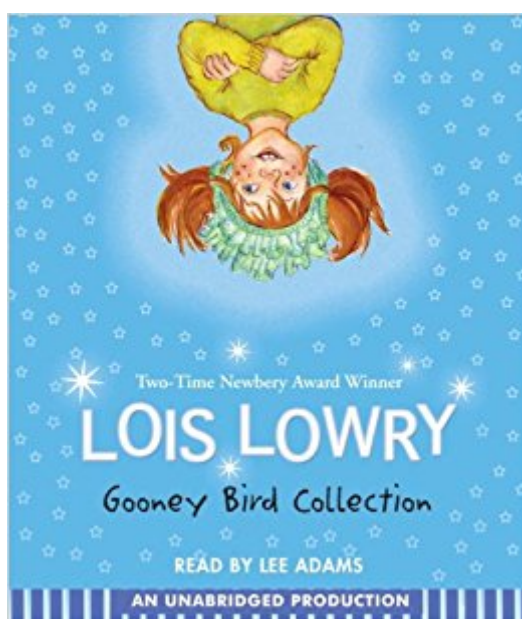


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# The Gooney Bird Collection: Gooney Bird Greene; Gooney Bird And The Room Mother; Gooney The Fabulous; Gooney Bird Is So Absurd



## Synopsis

This four-story collection includes: Gooney Bird Greene There's never been anyone like Gooney Bird Greene at Watertower Elementary School. She is the star of story time and keeps her class on the edge of their seats with her "absolutely true" stories. But do her classmates have stories good enough to share? Gooney Bird and the Room Mother Gooney Bird wants to have the lead role of Squanto in her class Thanksgiving pageant. But that role will go to whoever finds someone to be the room mother. Gooney Bird finds a room mother alright, but promises not to tell who it is until the day of the play. But will the mystery room mother really show up? Gooney the Fabulous Gooney Bird has a fabulous idea after her teacher reads fables to the class. Her fabulous idea is that each student create their own fable and tell it to the class! Everyone but Nicholas is excited about their stories and costumes. Can Gooney Bird find out why Nicholas is unhappy and get him to join in the fun? Gooney Bird Is So Absurd On the day that Gooney Bird wears her special brain-warming hat to school, Mrs. Pidgeon is teaching her class about poetry. But just when things are going well, the kids get some terrible news. And Gooney Bird will need all the inspiration her brain can muster to organize the most important poem the class has ever written.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Lois Lowry has written many books beloved by children and adults alike. From the popular Anastasia Krupnik series to her best-selling novel *The Giver*, her books have garnered countless honors and awards, including two Newbery Medals. Look for *Number the Stars*, *Messenger*, *The Silent Boy*, *Gathering Blue*, *Gossamer*, *The Willoughbys*, and *The Giver* on audio from Listening Library.

When Gooney Bird enters Mrs. Pigeon's second-grade class, she lets everyone know she likes to be "right smack in the middle of things." It's not long before the eccentric young storyteller has everyone--including her teacher--waiting to hear every word she says. Lee Adams captures the listener's rapt attention as she demonstrates the power of storytelling. Best of all, Adams delivers Gooney Bird's talent for tales with a slight Southern accent and flawless timing that makes the most of Gooney Bird's humor and sense of surprise. Each of the four adventures, including the newest, *GOONEY BIRD IS SO ABSURD*, has much to teach about writing. All are expressed with joy by Adam's Gooney Bird as she delivers a range of genres--from fables to poetry. S.W. © AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine

What a gem! I'm homeschooling my 2nd grader and we listen to audio-books in the car and this one is our current favorite. My five year old likes this, and my three year old also pays attention more and more now that preschool has given her a frame of reference. Educational and entertaining. Lee Adams reads all the characters with an individualized nuanced accent, mimicking kid's speech patterns very well, such as the lisp of Felicia Ann with her no front teeth or Gooney Bird's Texan accent and more! I've read aloud plenty and have an appreciation for a narrator being able to keep so many different characters from blending together. The story is complicated enough that I'm certain we will be listening to this many more times. Educational themes (and there are character-building themes too) in the books include: Book 1 "Gooney Bird Greene" - beginning story telling. Also, that meeting new people is fun because what stories might they have to tell? Book 2 "Gooney Bird and the Room Mother" - dictionary use & vocabulary. Also, that a 'indefatigable' pursuit of what you need can really pay off. Book 3 "Gooney Bird the Fabulous" - fables & the moral of a story. Also about being a supportive force for someone working through challenges. Book 4 "Gooney Bird is So Absurd" - poetry. Also, loss and condolences. The books all run continuously in the CDs so be prepared that if you want to just jump into book 2 or 3 that there isn't going to be a separate CD labeled as only that. (Another great "educational" book, which is illustration heavy so not good as an audio book, is "Bad Kitty, Drawn to Trouble" which has a theme of story construction

and related vocabulary words and has made a good tie-in book. Lots of good discussion and analysis to read that one and then point to the foreshadowing in the Gooney Bird books for example.)

This is a four book set on six compact discs that my eight year old son and I listened to in the car as we ran errands over the course of a few days. Though these are classified as first chapter books, their vocabulary is richer and more advanced than typical entries in the genre. The protagonist is a bright, endearing, eccentric and compassionate little girl named Gooney Bird Greene who is a second grader in Mrs. Pidgeon's class at Watertower Elementary School. Although the author doesn't indentify her as a profoundly gifted child, Gooney Bird clearly is, because her storytelling and ability to engage in wordplay are considerably more sophisticated than the average efforts of seven year old children. The stories themselves are atypical school narratives, and never stray into the familiar socially fraught themes of cliques, bullies and the like. Instead, they are funny, engaging, and slyly educational. The audiobook is narrated by Lee Adams, who creates distinct voices and vocal mannerisms for each character, and truly brings the stories to life. Highly recommended.

My two young children, preschool and first grade, love Gooney Bird Greene. The audio collection includes four stories on six discs. The narrator does a wonderful job of bringing all the characters from Mrs. Pigeon's second grade class to life. We have sat in the car just finishing a chapter many times. :) We hope that the remaining books in the Gooney Bird Greene series will also be made into audio books.

I love Gooney Bird stories!

Not only is Gooney Bird Greene a colorful, entertaining character, but the stories teach kids about story-telling, poetry, compassion, and embracing one's own uniqueness. I'd recommend this for anyone with a child in the lower elementary years (6-9 yo).

My granddaughter absolutely loves this book and Gooney Bird herself !!

My twins liked there were several stories to listen to, not just one. The lady who reads the story does a good job, my kids are picky about which voices they'll listen to on a CD.

Upon arrival, I realized that instead of the book collection, it was an audio collection of the books.

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