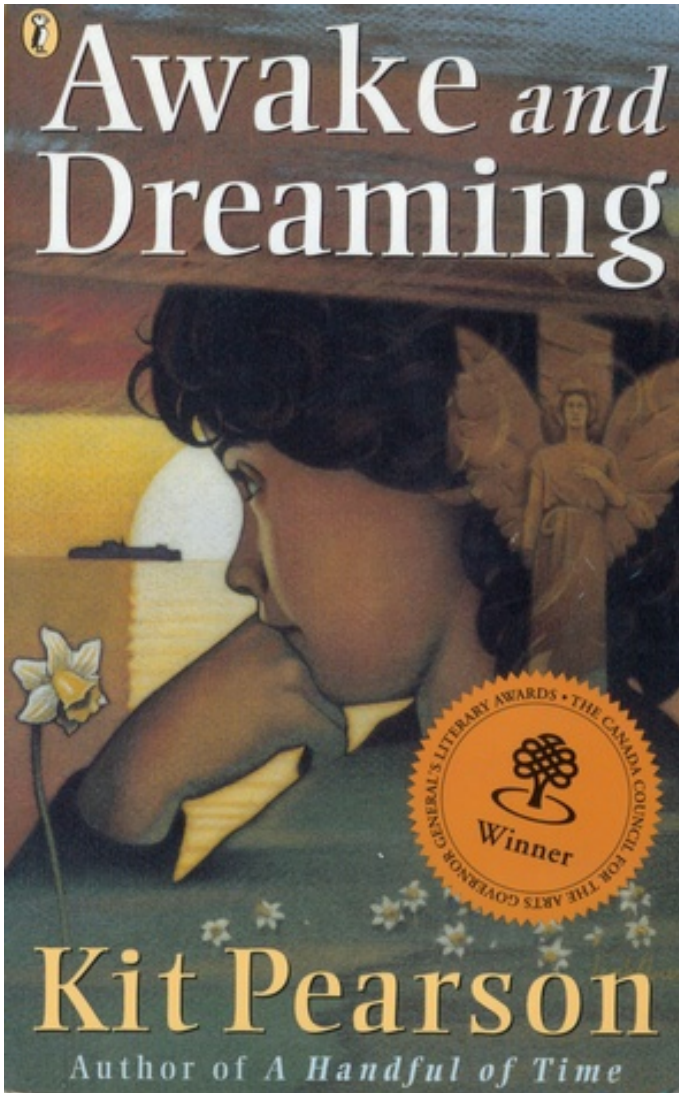


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**Kit Pearson**

**Awake And Dreaming**



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## Description

Theo has always dreamed of belonging to a real family. Her dream seems to come true when she is mysteriously "adopted" by the warm Kaldor clan. For the first time, Theo has brand new clothes, things of her own, security, and good friends. But, as time passes, the magic of Theo's new life begins to fade--really fade. In fact, Theo herself is vanishing....

"Deftly weaves fantasy and reality together into a charming novel...Intriguing from start to finish."  
--*School Library Journal*

## Insightful reviews

Pippin Andrews: Kit Pearson sets the tone as she describes the poverty stricken life of Theo, a nine year old girl, living in an impoverished neighbourhood of Vancouver, with her young inexperienced mother Rae. Theo spends the nights alone, whilst her mum does two-bit night jobs to make ends meet, Theo's only comforts being the company of a ratty old doll, Sabrina, a stray cat that sneaks in at night and a book. Through books Theo is able to escape the hardship and imagine life, being part of a happy family. Theo's life is upturned when her mum comes home stating she is about to start a new life with Cal, her new boyfriend, and Theo can not be a part of it, at least not yet.

It is on Theo's trip to Victoria, to join her aunt Sharon, that Theo's life makes a dramatic change and she wakes to find herself part of the family she had idealized in her dreams, yet something is always niggling at the back of her mind. The Kaldors are the perfect family, they are accepting of the life that Theo has led and do not judge her in any way, but it is at this point that Cecily Stone is introduced and the story begins to twist between fantasy and reality. As I read I began to empathize with Theo's character and wished for her that this dream like world was real, I did not want her to have to return to the solitary sad life she lived with her mother, a life where she was made to beg on the streets. When Theo finally divides the fantasy world from reality, she learns that those in her fantasy world really do exist, and as she begins to search for the truth, realizes that she has an important part to play for Cecily Stone, a children's book author that had lived in the small community in which Theo now lived. Theo must now figure out how all these characters blend together, so that she can move on with her life in a new town. Although I found that this book was a little hard to follow, and I was constantly questioning what was reality and fiction, this book intrigued me, definitely a book to read.

Awards:

Governor General's Literary Awards: English-Language Children's Literature (Text) 1997

Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards 1999

Red Cedar Book Awards (British Columbia): Fiction 1999

Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Awards (Ontario): YA-Middle Reader 1997

Surrey Schools' Book of the Year Award (British Columbia) 1999

Alyssa: When I first read this book three or four years ago, I was struck by its depth and feeling, as the emotion had been coming from an eleven year old. It was a beautiful story, focused

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completely on the love a young girl needs from her family, and I was so touched that when I dug it up again a year ago, I couldn't believe I'd forgotten it's amazingness. Today, having forgotten about it, I suddenly imagine a life where a person can have a dream about something else, but still love what they're doing, if you catch my drift. I was wondered by what brought my attention to this subject, and frankly remembered this touching story.

This was my first Kit Pearson book, and because I'd loved it so much, I was drawn to My Perfect Gentle Knight, which was just as equally heart warming. Congratulations, Miss Pearson, you've hit me again.

Raven R.: The only reason I picked this book up was because my friend told me to read it and told me I had to love it. And I'm super glad she told me to read it.

It was a very emotional read and as someone who was bullied all my life, told I wasn't good enough, and am now trying to write novels myself, I completely understood and sympathized with the main character.

It was a truly fabulous read, and I think everyone should read it

Nate Herbert: This e-book is striking for thus many reasons, yet its now not perfect. Its like i have been even though a complete new like i used to be Theo for simply the small time the me and my classification was once studying it. wide awake and Dreaming makes you think there are those that have a worse lifestyles then me that i am fortunate to be who I am. This e-book is impressive for children who've a ma and pa to move domestic to, yet nonetheless imagine that they have got nothing.

Shannon: maybe probably the most heart-wrenching and heart-warming teenagers novels i have ever read. Having learn it in the past in grade school, it's the ebook i glance again on such a lot fondly of. the tale is beautiful.

Hannah G.: this ebook has caught with me through the years and its person who i have by no means been in a position to disregard end result of the volume of emotions it invoked in me whereas i used to be analyzing it. theo's loneliness, her determined eager for a kinfolk to belong to and her use of books to flee her lifestyles hit very just about domestic the 1st time i learn it. it nonetheless does.

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