

A Painted House

By:

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This novel is about a young boy growing up on a cotton farm in rural Arkansas in the 1950s. I have read this book several times. I like the fact that the novel is based in Arkansas and mentions different towns such as Hardy and Jonesboro, which I am familiar with. I believe I like the novel so much because of the stories my father used to tell me about his childhood growing up on a farm in Bono, a small town just north of Jonesboro. He was born in 1956 so his stories came from mostly the late 1960s but are very similar to the way author John Grisham portrays the farm life in the delta of Arkansas.

A Painted House is not just a book about farm life but is filled with mystery, suspense, and murder. You follow Luke Chandler in his childhood as he navigates his way through his summer in 1952 and the different experiences he has and secrets he uncovers.