

Dawn Chandler likes the way her life is— or *was*. She liked going to the mall with her best friend, excelling at middle school, and attending church with her family. Typical life for a twelve-year-old in the city of Fresno.

When Dawn's parents announced they were going to homeschool her, on her birthday no less, she felt like her world was falling apart. *Normal* kids are supposed to go to school, *not* read books at home. To make matters worse, they may be leaving the only home she's ever known.

*What are her parents thinking?*

Before making the final moving decision, the Chandler family visits Lone Pine, a small town between Mt. Whitney and Death Valley. While there, Dawn and her siblings become acquainted with their eccentric great uncle, explore the new area, and meet a large homeschooling family. All of this makes the 'vacation' more bearable. Still, Dawn isn't sure if she can make the move and leave everything she's familiar with behind.

Can Dawn learn the values of faith, family, and contentment?