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### Madelyn says

I'm not really sure how to rate this...so I'm not even going to try. The morals were good, and the message was very interesting, but it was a very basic and elementary style writing, and that's just not my thing. So there were good sides and bad sides to it.

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### Dayna Smith says

Based on a true story, this is a gripping account of a young boy who learns the hard way that the choices we make can harm those we love the most. Because he desperately wants to know what is on the other side of a hedge of thorns, he puts his little sister in great danger. From his experience, we learn that God places boundaries in our lives because He loves us. This story is written from a definite Christian worldview. It is one of the finest tales of the consequences of disobedience I've ever read. I highly recommend this small book.

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### Laura Verret says

I always appreciate the good morals taught in the Lamplighter books, but I find that in this book, as well as in Helen's Temper, the author really exaggerated the effects of sin. I believe that sin is a terrible thing for which many people will go to hell, but in these two books, the effects were immediate, lethal, and practically unreal. Still, I appreciated the lesson - thorns are to be heeded!

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### Sonya Anderson says

Take the time to read this one. It only takes a few minutes and the life changing lesson will indeed stay with you for the rest of your life. You'll never look at a hedge of thorns the same way again! You can read it free at <http://books.google.com/books?id=AoEB...>

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### Teresa says

After a devotional study of the Hebrew word "shamar"(a primitive root) and its Greek equivalents, which included an in-depth look at most of the scriptures containing multiple nuances of its meaning, I began to mull over various applications.

While taking a breather, I was surprised to find how closely other's thoughts had run alongside of mine. It took the wind out of my "writing sails" when I found this children's picture book had so masterfully captured the wisdom of a "shamar" ~ a hedge placed round about (as with thorns).

As for basing my story on a true story like this one and so poignantly illustrating the necessity of the Loving Shepherd's thorny hedge of protection - how could I say it any better? It even ran with my thoughts on the

crown of thorns; but I was still grappling with what that meant exactly, while the author or adaptor had long ago soared ahead with a simple explanation of how a thorny hedge ran semi-parallel with the circle of thorns Christ wore on His brow.

After my meditations had made me a bit more weary, I was humbled to see how glorious - refreshing - child-like, yet, how thorough the full meaning, the imagery, yes, even some of my own thoughts had been presented to me with convicting contrition. Yes! "Tell me the story simply, as to a little child, for I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled".

Glory to The Lamb which heldfast to the path of the cross for His sheep - He thought little of the shame; His death would usher in the victorious joy of His eternal reign - eternal salvation to all who believe.

Truth wisely crafted can take my breath away, as Solomon's wisdom took Queen Sheba's' away. More importantly, because this timely discovery was on the heels of my own devotional study; It drew the LORD - nearer still nearer- to this needy heart; I wept with thankfulness.

Yes, and Amen, to a story that made me WANT to stay, even nearer, close to Him  
~ stay on His level righteous path ~ to remind me of the danger ~ the pain of straying.

Although, in the midst of my thinking to pen a similar story, I felt a bit disappointed that this particular thorny/sharpening labor had been graciously completed for me. Yet, due to the weariness of my way this providential encouragement was just what I needed.

It was from my Loving Heavenly Father!

One day, perhaps, He'll enable me to emulate such an illustrative story, using "shamar", one of its nuances, or a completely different thought; maybe I'll discover I already have such a story, maybe it will spur many more shepherding stories for the little lambs in my life.

"Fold me, O fold me, close to Thy breast (heart); shelter me safe in that haven of rest."

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### **Addy S. says**

What a sweet little classic!!! I read this in less than an hour..

The thing I liked most was that it was a true story, and the message John gives is **so good!!!!** WOW.

Definitely recommend.

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### **Stacy says**

I read this book for my literature course, but I loved it just the same! It was very short, and I read it in one night, but got a lot out of it. It is the true story of a boy's life, and how the sinful choices he makes affects him and all around him. The wisdom his father gives him is excellent, with a spot-on Christian worldview. When he is a young man, he eventually dies because of some sinful behavior, but before he does, he repents and becomes a Christian. The really neat part is that this book was actually written by this man before he died! Wow! A very old book, originally published in the 1600's. It doesn't take much time to read, so I

encourage you to do it! :-)

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### **John Barbour says**

We read this book to our children when they were young. It is one of those excellent devotional classics from the 19th century. It has a clear message to stay on the narrow road and how God in His providence hedges us in, as it were, with a hedge of thorns to keep us from sinning.

This is an important read for Christian parents to read to their children. And re-read. My daughter, who is presently 34 years of age, has again attempted to break through the hedge of thorns in her life to her everlasting shame and regret and to the grief of her parents. We can only pray that she will recover from the error of her ways and return to the love of her Father in heaven and her family on earth.

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### **Jennifer says**

read out loud to Ethan. just as good as I remember.

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### **September Washer says**

This is one of my favorite Lamplighters Books. It is certainly an unforgettable one. We have many good discussions every time we read or listen to this book. It is a true story and poignantly communicates the effects of sin and moving beyond God's boundaries in our life. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Sara says**

What a wonderful application of Scripture. Simple and sincere, this story touches the heart and the reader receives the genuinely repentant spirit of the writer. Such a message should be enjoyed by all.

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### **Joshua says**

one of the best books I've ever read. There is a cliff on the other side of the hedge of thorns and if you bust through you will die. This book is based on a true story and teaches a powerful truth. Children with loving parents have standards and those standards are for our protection.

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### **Mary Ann says**

This true story illustrates that our loving heavenly Father places hedges of thorns in our lives to protect us from harm. We sometimes see those loving hedges as a hindrance to what we consider good and desirable(our will). When we choose to push through the hedge we are often hurt, wounded or injured in

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some way. This pain is a blessing of love from our heavenly Father as it reminds us of His care for us and His desire to help us stay on the narrow way. Beautiful illustrations, heart wrenching story, deep and sobering truth.

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### **Karen says**

Oh such a fantastic book! It is so perfect for my children too (older boy and younger girl) just like in the book. This is another audio we listened to from Lamplighter theatre a little over a year ago. We look forward to comparing it with the book....3/4/15

Jacob read the picture book rewritten by Mary Hamilton for November Pizza Hut reading challenge..krb 11/8/16 He rates this 3 stars.

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### **Karin Breidenthal says**

This was a wonderful story! We just read it as a read aloud for the whole family. So many wonderful gospel truths about the Hedges God places in our lives for our own good, as well as the consequences of breaking through those hedges. Often our disobedience affects more than just ourselves. A must read for your children!

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