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Tired of wasting Saturdays doing nothing but wishing for larger allowances, the four Melendys jump at Randy's idea to start the Independent Saturday Afternoon Adventure Club (I.S.A.A.C.). If they pool their resources and take turns spending the whole amount, they can each have at least one memorable Saturday afternoon of their own. Before long, I.S.A.A.C. is in operation and every Saturday is definitely one to remember.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Welcome Back! Old favorites are being reissued in force this fall. Elizabeth Enright's Melendy Quartet follows siblings Mona, Rush, Miranda (Randy, for short) and Oliver. First published in 1941, *The Saturdays* kicks off the series and centers on the foursome's Independent Saturday Afternoon Adventure Club (I.S.A.A.C.), an allowance-endowed venture formed so one lucky Melendy can enjoy a solo sojourn each week. In *The Four-Story Mistake* (1942) the family moves from their city brownstone to the country; *Then There Were Five* (1944) describes what happens when the siblings befriend an orphan; and in *Spiderweb for Two: A Melendy Maze* (1951), when everyone else leaves for school, Randy and Oliver are left to solve a mystery. The author's charming pen-and-inks punctuate all four volumes. (Sept.)

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Review

"Enright has a quick eye for the unexpected, the amusing and the beautiful in what might be just ordinary experiences." ?*The New York Times*

"The Melendys are the quintessential storybook family...[their] ardent approach to living is eternally relevant." ?*Publishers Weekly*

About the Author

Elizabeth Enright (1909-1968) was born in Oak Park, Illinois, but spent most of her life in or near New York City. Her mother was a magazine illustrator, while her father was a political cartoonist. Illustration was Enright's original career choice and she studied art in Greenwich, Connecticut; Paris, France; and the Parson's School of Design in New York City. After creating her first book in 1937, she developed a taste, and quickly demonstrated a talent, for writing.

Throughout her life, she won many awards, including the 1939 John Newbery Medal for *Thimble Summer* and a 1958 Newbery Honor for *Gone-Away Lake*. Among her other beloved titles are her books about the Melendy family, starting with *The Saturdays*, published in 1941. Enright also wrote short stories for adults, and her work was published in *The New Yorker*, *The Ladies Home Journal*, *Cosmopolitan*, *The Yale Review*, *Harper's*, and *The Saturday Evening Post*. She taught creative writing at Barnard College. Translated into many languages throughout the world, Elizabeth Enright's stories are for both the young and the young at heart.

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