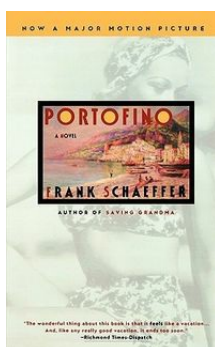


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Some kids told lies to be special. Calvin told lies to be normal. The son of a missionary family, he looks forward all year to summer vacation in Portofino--especially since he'll once again have the chance to see his beloved Jennifer. But even in this seductive seaside town in Italy, the Beckers can't really relax. Calvin's father could slip into a Bad Mood and start hurling potted plants at any time. His mother has an embarrassing habit of trying to convert "pagans" on the beach. And...



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But our prayers needed to be long so that we might not hide our lamp under a bushel, so that we wouldnt get to heaven and find that we had been ashamed of the Lord and that because of this He would say we had denied Him before men so He would deny us before the Father. Frank Schaeffer, Portofino

Reader's Opinions

Calvin Becker, the lad featured in Portofino, is one of the most self-absorbed, devious characters I've come across. In Elsa Becker, the author sketches a very strong-willed woman who uses her hyper-spiritual to manipulate others. The best thing about the novels is the wicked sense of humor. However, from this trilogy it is clear that...

I loved it. A young boy's amusing attempt to be normal in a religiously fanatic family. Good stuff, especially if you went to one of those kinds of churches, colleges, etc. Should be on the shelves of reasonable church libraries in the "therapy" section.