



AMY GORDON

During her young adult years in the turbulent late 1960's and 70's, Amy discovered, "I could get people to pay attention to me through the written word. I come from a family of talkers; and as the youngest, I sometimes felt ignored, so I figured out I could be noticed by writing funny things for Christmas presents. Everything would stop as my father read aloud what I'd written. It was very satisfying!"

Amy Gordon was born in Boston, Massachusetts, spent several years growing up in France and in London, England where her first real memories are set, remembering "the London fog enveloping everything in mystery"; and when she turned six years old, her family moved back to New England to a suburb outside of Boston, where Amy "lived on a hill, in a neighborhood full of kids, and we all walked up through the woods to school. It was an enchanted childhood, carefree and unconscious, lived largely out of doors." She credits her strong writing ethics to the strict middle school teachers from whom she learned. "There was a lot of homework, but it was one of those strict teachers who taught me to become a better thinker, writer, and reader."

After graduating with a BA in Language Arts and Literature from Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, Amy found a career in teaching and spent many years as a camp counselor. Through her work, Amy "knew that [she] loved working with kids." Amy continues her work in education at Bement School in Deerfield, Massachusetts, where for many years she was a drama teacher and chair of the fine arts department. She is now teaching seventh-grade English. Amy has two sons and lives with her husband in Gill, Massachusetts.



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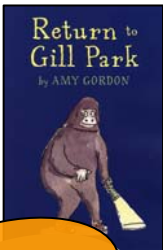


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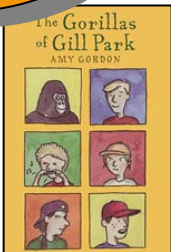


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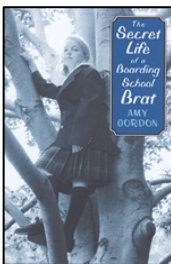


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