

Brief Synopsis
Emerson's Hat

Emerson's Hat is the story of eight-year-old Emerson Foster who just moved to a new town because of her father's promotion. Her young family has moved quite a bit and she faces the prospect of going to a new school and starting all over again. She's a shy girl and making new friends is not easy. Emerson also just lost her grandmother to whom she was very close. The adjustment is very difficult for Emerson who is the target of a bully at school and faces growing tensions between her mother, Gina, and father, Jack, at home. Her parents are both loving and their first concern is always Emerson. But Emerson is having a rough transition and Gina blames Jack for having to move and Jack feels Gina blames him for everything!

One night Emerson holds her favorite Teddy tight and wishes with all her might that her grandmother—she called her Nanna Banana—was there to help her. The next day, Emerson is playing in the attic and comes across Nanna's old trunk. To feel close to her grandmother again, she puts on some of Nanna's colorful clothes. Then magic happens. Suddenly the room is swirling in gossamer and she hears Nanna's voice. Though at first frightened, Nanna calms her nerves and tells her to dig in her trunk and put on her old purple hat.

Emerson's Hat has the magical love of Nanna and helps the little girl deal with all her problems. The magic spreads to Teddy and two old, broken and forgotten toys—Chester the Clown and Mademoiselle Monette—who all come alive and help her. When Emerson wears the hat, it is invisible to everyone else. They are all astonished at the changes they begin to see in Emerson. Everyone thinks Emerson's doing it all on her own—well. . . in a way she is.