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Three complaisant kids, two stormy parents, one anxious French poodle, too many U-haul trailers, and the potholed road of the early 1960s.

Searching for Alpha Centauri: A Boyhood Memoir (formerly titled Easy Hearts) is American Public Television artist Gary Spetz's absorbing tale of living a nomadic life with an impetuous mother, a discontent casino-security-guard step-father, a kid-loathing French poodle, and two older, all-too-often unpleasant, siblings -- during the turbulent early 1960s.

The artist/author paints his experience with both humor and sensitivity, adeptly portraying his ever moving landscape. Effectively blended into Searching for Alpha Centauri's backdrop is the author's keen attention to the world events unfolding around him. These were the days of an impending nuclear war, an exciting new space race, an escalating conflict in Vietnam, a rising civil rights movement, the invasion of Beatlemania, and the shocking assassination of a President. To the author, this mix of colorful and dark days was, indeed, "the best of times" and "the worst of times."

Searching for Alpha Centauri, though often hilarious, is a beautifully rendered story of innocence, edification, intrigue, adventure, and endurance.

## Searching for Alpha Centauri: A Boyhood Memoir Details

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### **Bethany Swafford says**

The thing I love most about memoirs is that each one gives me a clear view of a time before I was alive. This is the first time I've ventured into the 1960's and what a wild, enjoyable ride it was!

I enjoyed the storytelling ability of Mr. Spetz and the clear honesty of a boy's journey through childhood.

I received a free copy of this book from Goodreads First Reads.

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### **Alison says**

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### **Releanna says**

I read up to page 250, but now I gave up.

I really enjoyed the first 150 or so pages but then it got more and more repetitive and for me rather boring.

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### **Trina says**

Goodreads win. Will read and review once received.

Memoirs are always hard for me to rate and review. To me there really is no way to rate someones life/memories. One of my favorite things about this genre of book is that you get to see into the mind of someone else and see their way of thinking. It was nice to go back to the 60s. A good read at times I will admit I got a little bored but worth the read.

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