

with his father. Spring slowly approaches and the child's excitement builds. Wells clearly knows the strong bond between parents and kids together on the lake.

— Valerie Tukey

writing of the Pledge of Allegiance to the founding of the National Parks system. Short chapters make this book easy to put down and pick up again.

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readers will learn tidbits of Finnish history and vocabulary.

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By Eva Wells

Illustrated by Chandra Dale

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