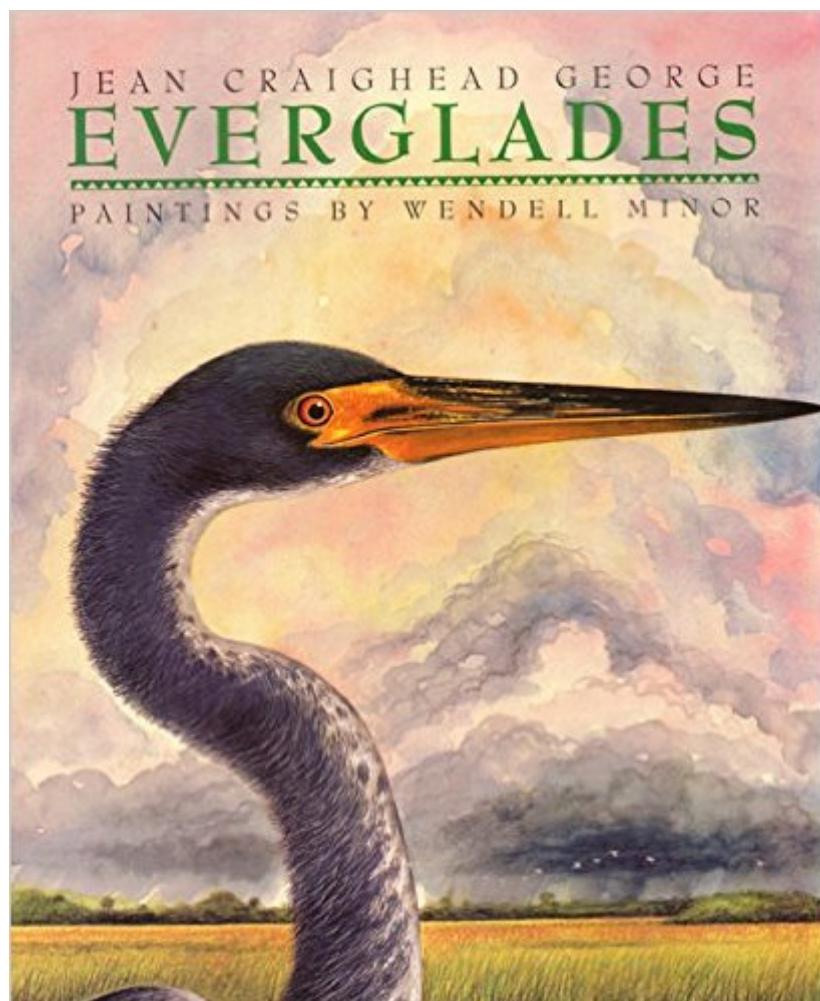


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Everglades



Synopsis

A lyrical creation tale of the Florida Everglades with stunning landscapes by Wendell Minor. Supports the Common Core State Standards

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 660 (What's this?)

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: HarperCollins; Reprint edition (March 21, 1997)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

As the book's narrator, a Seminole Indian storyteller, poles a canoe filled with children, he begins by saying, "It's a story about a river... this river, the miraculous Everglades of Florida." In language rich in texture and color and metaphor (Lake Okeechobee was "a slow river that gleamed like quicksilver"), he tells the history of the Everglades from pristine past to precarious present. And while there is no denying the environmental focus of the book - illustrations and text both point to the impending destruction of the priceless habitat - the narrative never falls to sermonizing; it instead fosters genuine respect for the Everglades, and empowers its young readers to preserve and conserve. Equal to the text, and at times surpassing it, Wendell Minor's rich and detailed paintings speak volumes in this beautifully illustrated book: Minor has taken a page from Audubon, carefully studying his subjects, and rendering them with fine attention to detail, all the while making it look effortless. Ultimately, this carefully choreographed dance between illustration and story gives readers, young and old, hope that they are the key to saving the Everglades for future generations.

A truly beautiful book.

This is another wonderful book by my grandson's favorite author, Jean Craighead George. He loved it when he opened and saw what it was. He immediately flipped open the book and started reading while the adults sat around talking. The book is perfect size for a child to hold. The pictures are colorful and show the natural wildlife found within the boundaries of the Everglades. The story includes history about the area and uses some special vocabulary words to describe what is seen.

Since we live in Florida, this book is a must for the introduction of my school year. After we read the book, the students write and illustrate their own books about the Everglades. They enjoy trying to copy the illustrations from the book.

Everglades by Jean Craighead George is a story that uses rich language to portray the Everglades to five children as they head down in a boat and hear a story. The narrator, a Seminole Indian, explains to the children about history of how man had abused Lake Okeechobee over time; illustrations within the story are great and relate to how we treat the environment now. Word poetry within the story beautifully paints a picture within the readers mind with words such as enormous, profusion, myriad, multitude, plentitude and more. Narration goes end when each child ask a question in which the narrator gives an answer. A clever ending leaves the readers with a warm feeling, but Everglades must be read for an ending to be revealed. Overall the story is a splendid read for first to even fifth grade readers with an excellent use of alluring language.

Ordered this to my in-laws' Florida condo to arrive as we arrived from Canada for a family holiday. My 10-year-old, 8-year-old and 5-year old read it over and over again, mentioning details about Florida wildlife whenever we went out. A good non-fiction companion to George's "The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo" which is kind of light beach-reading for kids.

Fabulous photos, interesting text. Unfortunately, the packaging was inadequate to protect the corners of the book from being mashed and misshapened. But my 7 year old grandson and I really had a great time "exploring" the Everglades together.

We just finished reading EVERGLADES by Jean Craighead George. The storyteller was a great idea. His words really caught our attention. This book, even though it was about real life, read like a

fictional story. We especially liked the way Ms. Craighead George used various synonyms to express just how many creatures were in the Everglades in the beginning. In addition to the colorful language, the incredible illustrations by Wendell Miner made the book come to life. Above all, we learned we should respect nature. A great reading experience!

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