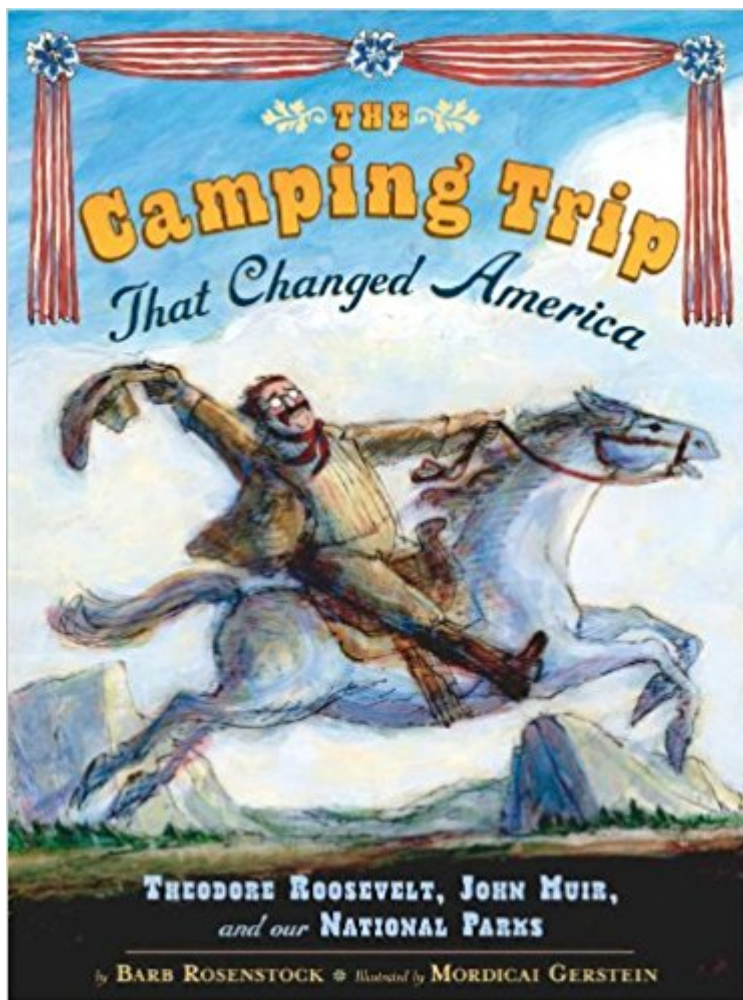


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The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, And Our National Parks



Synopsis

Caldecott medalist Mordicai Gerstein captures the majestic redwoods of Yosemite in this little-known but important story from our nation's history. In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt joined naturalist John Muir on a trip to Yosemite. Camping by themselves in the uncharted woods, the two men saw sights and held discussions that would ultimately lead to the establishment of our National Parks.

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Customer Reviews

In 1903, Theodore Roosevelt read John Muir's book on the Sierra Nevada, which ended with a plea for government to save the vanishing forests. The president asked Muir to take him camping in the Yosemite wilderness, and two months later, Roosevelt followed his knowledgeable guide into the mountains, through the valley, and among the giant sequoia trees. Returning to Washington, the president pushed to pass the laws that created national parks and forests as well as wildlife sanctuaries. The very readable text focuses as much on the men's enjoyment of the outdoors as on the historical importance of their camping trip. Gerstein contributes a wonderfully varied yet coherent set of line-and-watercolor illustrations, including small portraits of the men, a memorable scene showing two figures dwarfed by giant sequoias, and a close-up of the men talking

around their campfire. In an appended note, Rosenstock includes information left out of the story and mentions that some scenes were imagined. A short list of sources is included. This colorful picture book humanizes two significant individuals in American history. Grades 1-3. --Carolyn Phelan

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This is a wonderful - and true - story for children interested in the national parks. The adults in our family have also enjoyed the charming writing and illustrations. I would highly recommend this book to kick off travel anywhere in the country.

What a great book!

This is a sweet book. I enjoyed reading it as much as my kids stayed focused and liked it to. We got this book leading up to a camping trip in a national park. Perfect mix of history and a subject they enjoyed.

love it

I love to camp and did so for many years as a Boy Scout leader. In my classroom students research not only presidents but also national parks so this book is perfect to read to my students.

Cute little informative story. Young readers of all ages will be drawn to this book about John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt and learning about the Camping Trip that Changed America. It explains it so the youngest of readers will be waiting to turn that next page and the older readers will want to find out what becomes of Teddy's and John's friendship. This is a time of year when it is pleasant to curl up in a cozy spot to read a good book, and you have found that book for your child. There is something about the way this writer writes that keeps the kids reading. I saw her at a school visit and she was WONDERFUL. Kept the kids engaged for the whole presentation. Really a good time. It is a beautiful picture book, illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein, a Caldecott Award winner in 2004. This is her 3rd book. Her other good reads are Fearless and The Littlest Mountain...Buy one for your kids, grandkids, or your child's teacher so they can share with the school library. A great teacher's gift for the end of the year. What teacher wouldn't love a book to share instead of a coffee mug or candy? You won't be disappointed. I wasn't.

This is a very entertaining history lesson.

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