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Skysisters (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition)



Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. Two Ojibway sisters set off across the frozen north country to see the SkySpirits' midnight dance, and after an exhilarating walk and patient waiting, the girls are rewarded by the arrival of the SkySpirits--the Northern Lights.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3-In this atmospheric picture book, two young Ojibway sisters go out into the winter night to view the Aurora Borealis, which their people call the SkySpirits. As they walk through the snow, they pluck icicles from a tree, see a beautiful white rabbit, and are startled by a large deer. On top of Coyote Hill, they catch snowflakes with open arms, listen to the voices of coyotes, make snow angels, and gaze at the stars. When the Northern Lights finally appear, the girls watch in silent awe, and then decide that the SkySpirits are really SkySisters. The standout component of this quiet book is Deines's artwork. His oil-on-canvas paintings are sometimes exuberant, sometimes mysterious, and always attractive. The girls' tender relationship is evident-the older sister is protective and the younger is mildly mischievous. The incident described here is lyrical rather than riveting, but the text and pictures work together to express the sense of wonder and excitement that surrounds the phenomenon of the Northern Lights.-Miriam Lang Budin, Chappaqua Public Library, NYCcopyright

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Ages 3-7. Waboose couches her big-and-little-sister story in Native American lore. Two Ojibway girls, big sister Allie and little sister Alex, venture out one cold night for an unclear purpose, following their grandmother's advice: "Wisdom comes on silent wings." Along the way, they encounter three guardian spirits: a rabbit, a deer, and a coyote. At last, they arrive at Coyote Hill, where they see the object of their journey: the Northern Lights, or SkySpirits, who dance in the frigid, starry sky. Deines' oil paintings contrast the warmth of the children's home with the frozen night and beautifully capture the feeling of the silence, the snow, and the cold. There's also a splendid depiction of the Northern Lights. By book's end, when the older sister renames the SkySpirits "SkySisters," it's plain how the simple journey has drawn the sisters together. Connie FletcherCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great read.

I ordered this book to go along with my third grade unit on Native Americans. I used this book as a mentor text to help show the Native American beliefs of spirits in regard to nature. My students were enthralled by the book the entire time, making meaningful connections to our previous lessons as I read. The pictures are absolutely beautiful, too.

Lovely story about two sisters awaiting the wonders of the northern skies. I bought it for two great granddaughters who can share their adventures as their lives unfold for them.

My daughter loves books like this, She loves to hear what people thought in the past. And very well done.

My son and i love to read this story together, love that it has some ojibwe words, would be nice if there were more though.

Great story

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