

# Tapping For Sap: Chick and Duckling are back!

*Photo and Story by Gisele Winton Sarvis*

Railfence Bunch characters Chick and Duckling are back for the first crop of the season in the new picture book, *Tapping For Sap*.

"Chick and Duckling went out one day riding to the sugar bush the old fashioned way - tap, tap, sap, sap, drip, drip, sip, sip, mmmmm," begins the book.

The story describes the maple syrup making process and the delight of a sweet brunch with the chorus of tap, tap, drip, drip, sip, sip, mmmmm at the bottom of each page.

It's the sixth book in the popular series written by Carolyn J. Morris and illustrated in beautiful watercolours by Richard McNaughton.

"*Tapping for Sap*, is a great book and a popular item at our sugar bush," said Dawn & Kent Breendon, BREEDONS MAPLE SYRUP INC.

Growing up on a farm in Simcoe County, Morris brings the joys of agricultural life to her young readers through the Railfence Bunch series. New readers are introduced to its animals, tractors, plows and 4-H.

With more than 30 years of experience teaching preschool, Kindergarten, and primary, Morris knows how to write lively text for burgeoning readers. All her stories read like a song, with a cho-rus of rhythm, rhyme and repetition.

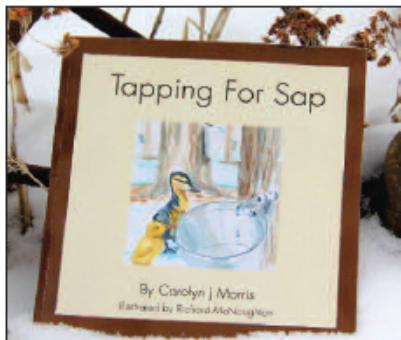
"Rhyme is an integral component in reading. It helps readers hear the sounds within words and soon they are reading with expression too," said the New Tecumseth author.

Railfence Books are perfect stories for parent and child story time.

"It is always my hope that the child would chime in with the

rhyme, rhythm and repetition," Morris said.

The books build early literacy through single syllable words like "tap" that are easy to sound out, building readers' confidence, she said.



"Children who are learning to read, if they are challenged by the words at the top, they always know what to expect at the bottom. It builds their confidence. They turn the page and try reading the top again."

A challenging word in *Tapping for Sap* is "agricultural."

Morris' teaching experience also comes to light in her dynamic author presentations where she grabs the attention of a room full of children.

"Captivating an audience of young children and engaging them

so they are interacting is important to me."

The author is looking to go nationwide with her new book release. Already her books are in the United States and all over the world, typically through a gift purchase of books such as *Happy Birthday Canada*, written in 2017 for the sesquicentennial.

Morris is dedicated to writing books and bringing entertaining author presentations to classrooms, libraries, book stores, senior residences and shows.

True to her agricultural roots, Morris brings live chicks and ducklings seasonally to her presentations. On May 12, Morris will visit Alliston Feed Service Mill Market with her ducklings.

*Railfence Books are available through the website: [www.railfencebooks.com](http://www.railfencebooks.com), book stores and online through Chapters Indigo and amazon.com for \$12.95.*

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