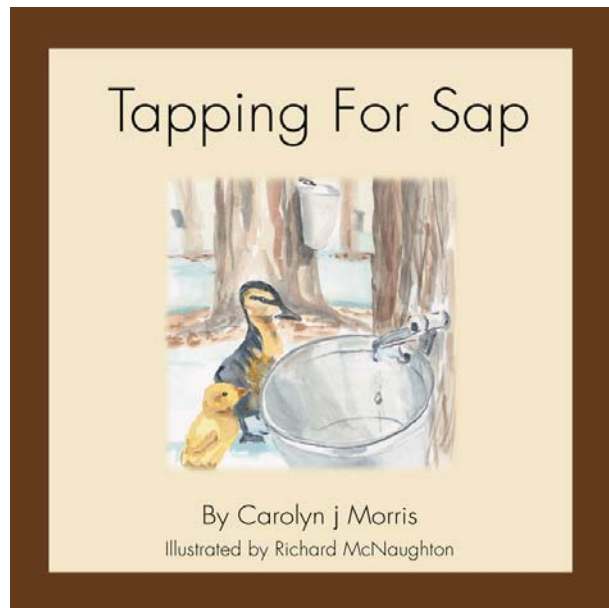

BOOK REVIEW

What a wonderful way to jump into spring - following Chick and Duckling on their newest adventures tapping trees and learning about making maple syrup! In her sixth book in this delightful series, Carolyn j Morris continues to use rhyme and repetition to capture the attention of readers young and old. The two lifelong companions hop on a wagon and take a tour of the sugar bush. On their adventure, they learn how trees are tapped, sap is boiled, and delicious syrup is made. Finishing off with a pancake breakfast, the two friends enable readers to feel like they are right there alongside them joining in on a special Canadian tradition. Morris, along with talented illustrator Richard McNaughton, charmingly captures the details that all visitors to a sugar bush enjoy, enabling readers to feel like they are there along with Chick and Duckling making taffy, and walking in the snow. Tapping for Sap is a perfect addition to any families' or educators' collection. As children make real life connections to the text and illustrations, they become readers while joining in with the repeated patterns throughout the book. In Tapping for Sap, Morris' Railfence Bunch series continues to provide young readers with opportunities to make predictions and learn new vocabulary - all essential stages in the development of early literacy skills. Tapping for Sap will surely be a family favourite for all - and what a perfect time of year to tap along with Chick and Duckling!



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