



Loon Chase

By Jean Heilprin Diehl

Illustrated by Kathryn Freeman

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For Children Ages 6 to 10

As seen in *The Washington Post*
2006 NAIBA Picture Book of the Year Award Nominee



“A good story, reverence for and understanding of nature, and useful information on which to grow make this book a fine addition to any library. Text and pictures work beautifully together throughout the volume, and readers will continue to find new details in both as they return for many repeat readings.”

- *ForeWord Magazine*

“Freeman’s pastel illustrations provide a close-up portrait of the loon protecting the babies. Vivid descriptions incorporate facts in a readable manner. More science notes and an activity are provided in the end matter, along with a ‘Loons in Native American Culture’ folklore overview, making this a useful title for classroom discussion.” - *School Library Journal*

“*Loon Chase* is a warm, funny, exciting story—an open-hearted story that will hold the interest of children and charm adults. In fact, *Loon Chase* is for New Hampshire what the classic *Blueberries for Sal* is for Maine: a look at the delights of summer through the wondering eyes of a child.” - *The Concord Monitor*

Loon Chase is a delightful story

about a boy and his mother on a peaceful canoe ride with their dog, Miles. But they soon find themselves frantically paddling to keep Miles away from a family of loons! They discover that their very domesticated, loving family pet still has powerful instincts similar to animals in the wild. The outcome of the encounter



between dog and loon beautifully illustrates the universal instincts of parents to protect their young. And the story tells of a child's moment of wonder, when he finally meets the loon himself.

Children, parents, and teachers will love the “**For Creative Minds**” educational section, which was vetted for scientific accuracy by the Maine Audubon. The section includes:

- Fun Facts about Loons
- Loon Maps, Math and Measurements
- Loons in Native American Culture
- Make a Loon Mask craft

There are also “**Related Websites**” and “**Teaching Activities**” on Sylvan Dell Publishing’s website, www.SylvanDellPublishing.com, to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

About the Author and Illustrator



Jean Heilprin Diehl and her family have visited and lived in New Hampshire since the late 19th century and still own a cabin on Silver Lake, where loons nest every summer. Her Springer spaniel, Miles, loved to swim in the lake and provided the inspiration for *Loon Chase*. Jean is an award-winning author and critic whose work has appeared in such journals and anthologies as the *Indiana Review*, *Antietam Review*, *Fodderwing*, *Sycamore Review*, *Kestrel*, *Many Mountains Moving*, *The Journal* and *Great Writers/ Great Stories*.

Kathryn Freeman spent many summers on Conway Lake in the White Mountains region of New Hampshire. There she learned to use pastels from her uncle, the landscape artist Robert Jordan. He and Kathryn often took a canoe out at dawn to check on nesting loons. Kathryn is known foremost as a painter, and her works have been exhibited internationally. Many are held in private and public collections. Kathryn has also done a number of large public commissions, including three-story murals for the new public library in Jacksonville, Florida. While this is her first children's book, it will likely not be her last!



Jean and Kathryn both live in the DC area and



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