



Living on a lake has its privileges. I watch the sun come up across the water each morning and look out dozens of times each day to see what's going on. I'm never disappointed. My endless fascination with life around the lake will be apparent when you read GOOSE LAKE, my first poetry collection published as an eBook.

The book begins . . .

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Meeting Our Neighbors

As I stooped in my driveway for the morning paper, a delegation of geese hissing like punctured tires flat-footed it toward me across the grass. This was not a social call. My new house squatting on their land beside their lake was an outrage. Indignant to their pinfeathers the geese closed ranks and delivered their ultimatum in a furious chorus.

Bills hard as chisels,
tails aquiver,
necks recoiling like missile launchers
firing off fierce glares
the posse bristles pigeon-toed
to enforce goose law:

Trespassers
will be hissed
until
they learn their lesson.

Over time we humans near the lake have made peace with the geese which, on a busy day, outnumber us twenty to one. Our key concession is to their occasional messy forays into our

yards. These Canadians don't know about their ancestors, those hardy enforcers of goose law that established goose rights in the neighborhood. It's always hardest for the pioneers. The lake lacks an official name but I call it Goose Lake. It seems fair.

- **Beautiful book, wonderful for the whole family!**

The typical residents of a lake such as geese, turtles, skunks, ducks, and fish are brought to life by the author's sensitive observations and the illustrator's whimsical illustrations. Each creature is introduced in a short essay, then given its own descriptive poem. I loved them all, but especially loved this line about a striped skunk in the dark:

Their white bands jiggling up and down
seem to glow like skeleton bones
out to trick or treat.

My only regret was that the book ended. But the author promises more! This is a book to enjoy and share. Highly recommended. Robin Koontz

- **Finally! An e-book that pauses and settles instead of blips and beeps!**

Goose Lake grounds you in its country setting while animals fly, flounder and scurry up into your face. Air blows the hair on your arm.

The sketches draw you in 'til you're on scale with the squawking geese.

From sun-up to setting, the lake twists its musty smells through both nostrils.

David Harrison and Sladjana Vasic have birthed a charming tour of this bucolic place complete with its musical rhymes and magical rhythms.

It promises to relax and charm children of all ages.

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