

# Muskrat Will Be Swimming - A Captivating Tale by Cheryl Savageau

Once upon a time, in the heart of a picturesque forest, there lived a mischievous muskrat named Chester. He was known for his playful nature and his love for all things aquatic. Chester spent his days exploring the surrounding rivers and streams, delighting in the cool embrace of the water.

One sunny morning, as the vibrant hues of the sunrise painted the sky, Chester woke up feeling an overwhelming urge to embark on a grand adventure. Little did he know that this day would change his life forever.

With a glimmer of curiosity in his eyes, Chester scurried towards the nearby river, his tiny feet eagerly leading the way. He noticed a peculiar, yet entrancing, tune carried by the gentle breeze. Mesmerized by the otherworldly melody, the muskrat felt an irresistible urge to follow its ethereal source.



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Guided by the enchanting music, Chester swam deeper into the river, navigating through the luscious green foliage that lined the banks. The current gently caressed his thick, velvety fur, creating a soothing sensation. As he swam, a

mysterious presence seemed to be accompanying him, as if the river itself was protecting and guiding him towards his destiny.

After what felt like an eternity, Chester finally reached the heart of the river. As he emerged from the water, a breathtaking sight unfolded before his eyes. A mystical waterfall cascaded from the heavens above, creating a serene pool of crystal-clear water.

In the center of the pool stood a radiant figure. It was a majestic mermaid named Marina, with flowing golden locks and shimmering emerald scales. Her voice was as soothing as the gentle lapping of the waves, and her eyes sparkled with an ancient wisdom.

"Welcome, dear Chester," Marina spoke with a melodic tone. "You have been chosen for a very special task. Only a muskrat as curious and brave as you can complete this journey."

Chester, captivated by her presence, nodded in awe and anticipation.

Marina explained that a mysterious artifact, the Pearl of Harmony, had been stolen from their kingdom by an evil sorcerer. This priceless treasure possessed the power to bring balance and joy to all living creatures.

"It is said that the Pearl of Harmony can only be found in the lost city of Atlantis," Marina continued. "The city is hidden deep beneath the ocean, and only a muskrat with your exceptional swimming skills can navigate its treacherous waters.

"I believe in you, Chester. Bring back the Pearl of Harmony, and restore peace to our lands."

Determined to prove himself worthy of such a noble quest, Chester embarked on his grand adventure. With Marina's guidance, he learned the secrets of underwater navigation and honed his swimming skills.

Days turned into weeks as Chester dived into the fathomless depths of the ocean. He encountered magnificent sea creatures and overcame numerous challenges. Through perseverance and bravery, he swam past deadly coral reefs, navigated treacherous whirlpools, and outmaneuvered sneaky sea serpents.

Finally, after what felt like a lifetime, Chester discovered the ethereal city of Atlantis. The lost civilization unfolded before his eyes, with its shimmering towers and intricate sculptures. It was a sight that would forever be etched into his memory.

With unparalleled determination, Chester ventured into the heart of the city, following the trail that would lead him to the Pearl of Harmony. He faced bewitching mazes, mind-bending puzzles, and even the wrath of ancient sea guardians.

But nothing could deter Chester from his mission. Fuelled by an unyielding spirit, he navigated each challenge with unwavering focus and boundless resolve.

Finally, after a climactic battle deep in the heart of Atlantis, Chester emerged triumphant. He held the Pearl of Harmony in his paws, its radiant energy pulsating through his entire being.

As he made his way back to the surface, Chester couldn't help but feel a sense of accomplishment filling his little heart. The journey had transformed him, not only physically, but also spiritually. He had become a hero - a muskrat destined to be remembered in fabled tales.

Upon returning to the forest, Chester was greeted with joy and celebration. The stolen treasure was placed back in its rightful home, restoring balance and harmony to the land. The forest's residents danced and sang, forever grateful for the muskrat's selfless bravery.

From that day onwards, Chester became a legend, his name whispered in awe by generations of forest dwellers. His tale was immortalized in songs and stories, reminding all that the unassuming muskrat who loved to swim was destined for greatness.

And so, dear reader, the tale of "Muskrat Will Be Swimming" by Cheryl Savageau reminds us that even the smallest of creatures can achieve extraordinary feats when they listen to their heart's call and embrace the unknown with unwavering determination.



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Although Jeannie loves her lakeside neighborhood, her feelings are hurt by her schoolmates who live in fancier homes and call her a Lake Rat.

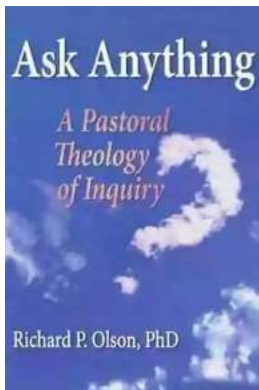
When she confides her troubles to her grandfather, he tells her about his own childhood experiences with teasing. As the story unfolds, the grandfather shares a traditional Seneca story that helps Jeannie to find strength in her Native identity and a new appreciation for the different roles that animals play in nature. This is a quiet book that celebrates family and place and the teachings of Native people. *Muskrat Will Be Swimming* is based on a real incident in Cheryl Savageau's life.

*Muskrat Will Be Swimming* will help inspire classroom conversations about:

- Teasing and bullying
- Storytelling traditions and customs in Native and non-Native families
- The Seneca creation story and creation stories in general
- Traditions of the Sky Woman in Native stories
- Contemporary Native American families and building connections to tribal identity
- Native identity and mixed-blood ancestry
- Significance of dreams in Native culture
- The role of animals as teachers in Abenaki culture
- Animals of the forest

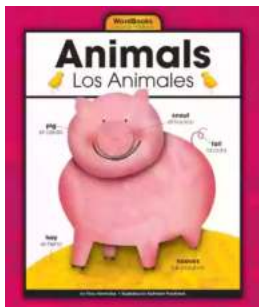
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