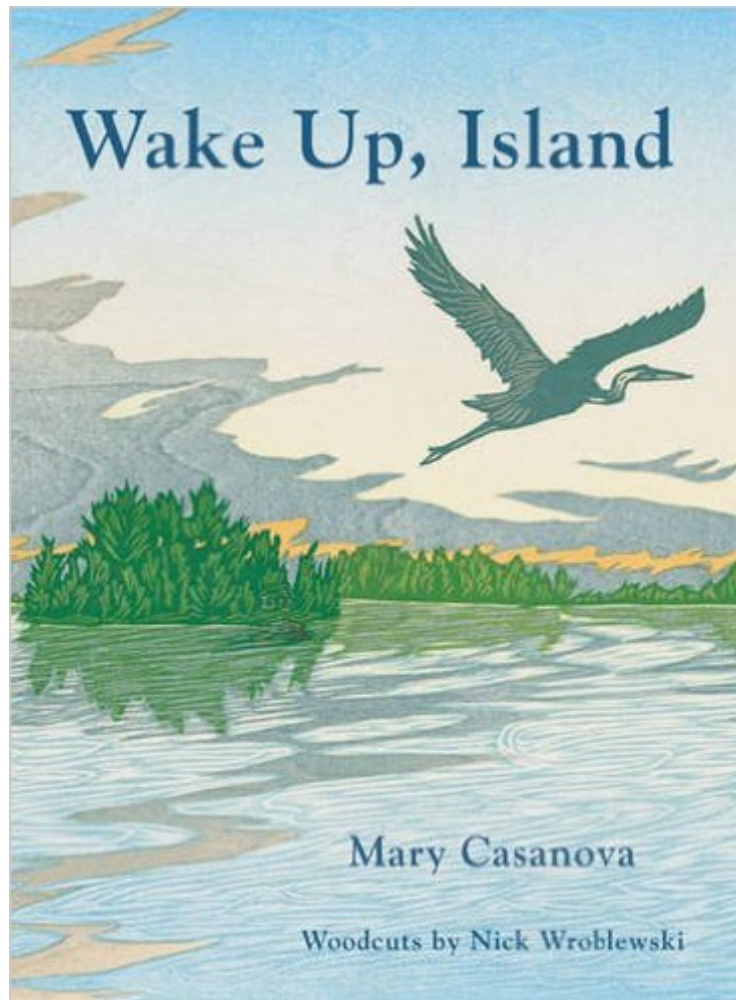


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# Wake Up, Island



## Synopsis

Wake up, little one, a soft voice beckons, the world around you is already stirring. As Wake Up, Island gently rouses the sleepy child, it summons a world of nature coming to life on a summer island in the magical North Woods. Sunlit fingers touch the shores, pine trees stretch their limbs, and lichen warms on ancient rock. Doe and fawn rise from their grass bed and pearls of dew bead a spider's finely woven web. Mallards skim the water's surface. Ravens perch and gargle greetings, chickadees call dee, dee, dee, and a heron swoops "minnows flee! The moose and her calf wade, munching on plants. The red squirrel chatters. The black bear lazily scratches her back against a tree. Conjuring the morning life around a cabin fragrant with berry pancakes, this timeless book wakens the child in every reader to the wonders of nature that greet every new day in the charmed world of a northern woodland island.

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Animals

Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

We welcomed Mary Casanova to our school a few weeks ago. She is a Minnesota author from Northern Minnesota on Rainy Lake. She writes picture books, middle grade books and Young Adult books as well. It is nice to have an author visit who has books for all ages in an elementary school. In preparation for her visit, I read Wake Up, Island to all of my students in the library media classes. It is her newest book which just came out March 2016. It is really a poem about an island

and animals waking up on a summer morning. She said she was inspired by an early morning canoe ride around an island in her pajamas and she wrote this poem to describe the beauty. It has gorgeous illustrations by a wood cut artist, name Nick Wroblewski from Wisconsin. It is his first picture book project. As we read the story I found that there was lots to discuss. The younger kids learned lots of vocabulary such as shimmied, root (as is dig), lichen, graze, plunge, grubs. We also discussed all of the animals that are found in this book: mallards, deer, spiders, ravens, chickadees, heron, bear, squirrels moose and our Minnesota bird--the loon. The loon page spread is my favorite woodcut of all! The older students were able to pick out metaphors, onomatopoeia, personification, rhyme, and other figurative language. We enjoyed the art and went to the illustrator's web page and watched his movie on how he creates a wood cut print. The last thing we did is imagine how we were going to spend a week on an island without using technology or electricity and picture what we would do. Swimming, fishing, tenting, making s'mores, hiking, canoeing and of course reading were some of the activities. It put us into summer mood for sure!! highly recommend this quieter picture book for some fabulous literature lessons and read aloud for all grades. This is the type of book that lends itself for lots of discussion.

I bought this book for myself, not a child! I had seen Nick Wroblewski's work at a craft show, and it is stellar. The woodcut artwork for this book is absolutely gorgeous -- the animals spring to life and the landscapes just pull you in with their detail and beauty. Each and every page of this book is a very special work of art. I am especially fond of the moose and the crows, but they are all a treat. I am a nature and art lover, and this book has a place with my other, cherished art books. Thanks, also, to Mary Casanova for the gentle story that provides the framework.

During the dawning hours, as a child sleeps soundly in bed, the world on the child's island home starts waking up. Animals, birds, plants, and insects begin their morning routines of waking from their beds, foraging for food, and securing their homes. In the midst of all this outdoor activity, the child is awakened by the sun's light. However, a hearty pancake breakfast can't keep the child from running outside to welcome the start of a new day. In the picture book world, there are countless bedtime stories. But what about books that wake up young readers to the outdoors? Casanova and Wroblewski successfully forge ahead into a new reading realm with *Wake Up, Island*. Inspired by Casanova's pre-dawn canoeing trips on Minnesota's lakes, *Wake Up, Island* is a call to readers to be aware of the life outside of their human environment and to respectfully experience Nature for themselves. Casanova's expressive text with

Wroblewski's rich woodcut prints vividly render the intimate morning routines of animals, birds, plants, and insects. But the author and illustrator also draws young readers into Nature's sunrise schedule by showing how they impact the start of a beautiful day. A fun yet thoughtful sensory read, *Wake Up, Island* can be a helpful tool to get kids hooked into the vibrant outdoors rather than being entangled into the alternate realities of media. (Review Found on Children's Compass Chronicle: [childrenscompasschronicle.blogspot.com](http://childrenscompasschronicle.blogspot.com))

This book perfectly captures the essence of the north woods! I recommend the book for all ages. For children, to inspire awe at the beauty of the natural world, and for any other age to rekindle warm memories of past mornings spent in the north woods, or to introduce a friend or a loved one to the north woods.

This book is a work of art. The pictures are stunning and the storyline is poetic. This is my child's favorite book! Time for the artists to make a night time book!!!

This is a lovely reflection of the gentle awakening of life in the Northwoods. A pleasure for both children and adults!

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