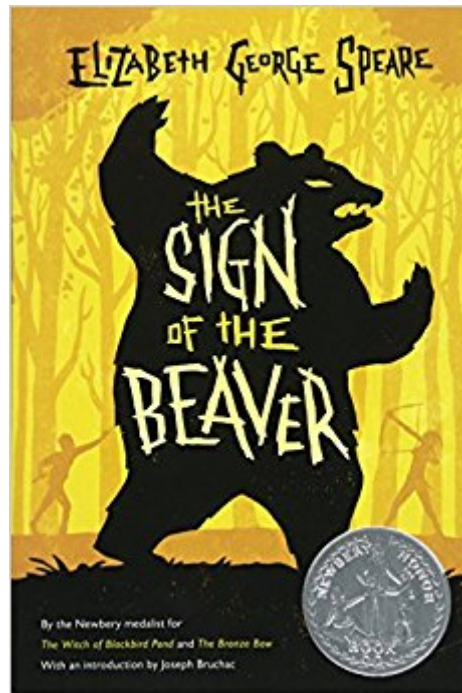




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# The Sign Of The Beaver



## Synopsis

Although he faces responsibility bravely, thirteen-year-old Matt is more than a little apprehensive when his father leaves him alone to guard their new cabin in the wilderness. When a renegade white stranger steals his gun, Matt realizes he has no way to shoot game or to protect himself. When Matt meets Attean, a boy in the Beaver clan, he begins to better understand their way of life and their growing problem in adapting to the white man and the changing frontier. Elizabeth George Speare's Newbery Honor-winning survival story is filled with wonderful detail about living in the wilderness and the relationships that formed between settlers and natives in the 1700s. Now with an introduction by Joseph Bruchac.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

When his father returns East to collect the rest of the family, 13-year-old Matt is left alone to guard his family's newly built homestead. One day, Matt is brutally stung when he robs a bee tree for honey. He returns to consciousness to discover that his many stings have been treated by an old Native American and his grandson. Matt offers his only book as thanks, but the old man instead asks Matt to teach his grandson Attean to read. Both boys are suspicious, but Attean comes each day for his lesson. In the mornings, Matt tries to entice Attean with tales from Robinson Crusoe,

while in the afternoons, Attean teaches Matt about wilderness survival and Native American culture. The boys become friends in spite of themselves, and their inevitable parting is a moving tribute to the ability of shared experience to overcome prejudice. The Sign of the Beaver was a Newbery Honor Book; author Elizabeth Speare has also won the Newbery Medal twice, for *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and *The Bronze Bow*. (Ages 12 and older) --Richard Farr

Grade 3-6-By Elizabeth George Speare. Twelve-year old Matt is trying his best to survive on his own until his father returns to their cabin in the Maine wilderness with the rest of the family. Matt develops a deep friendship with a Native American boy. Matt must decide if he should continue waiting for his family or begin a new life with his friend. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

my oldest son needed this book for school and was surprised at how much he liked it. A good book with lots of adventure and humor.

So it is sad but you will love it. It make you happy and sad and it has great warm parts

Would buy from this seller again, item received as promised!

Our book club meets once a year with boys who are court ordered to a facility where they live and go to school. They read this book and 20 of the members came and brought food and discussed the book. They had good insight and many boys offered discussion about the book. It was a good choice for this occasion.

Good value for money

We are reading *The Sign of the Beaver* as a 5th grade class and my students are thoroughly enjoying it. We read a chapter a day and then we discuss it completely. I am allowing 2 students to lead the class for every 2 chapters. They teach it and write down questions to discuss with their peers. We have made a Native American Dictionary and will be writing stories or letters as an activity. There are so many great projects to choose from for this novel. I have given teacher-made assessments after every 2 chapters and a comprehensive test for the first 10 chapters. I would highly recommend it for any 4th or 5th grade classroom.

Oh my! My classroom set was falling apart and were so ratty. It was time for a new classroom set. This cover is so modern, in comparison to the older versions. My students would definitely pick this book up as a self-selected book with it's new cover. When we read our old class set, they weren't too excited. But after reading it, it gave true meaning to "Don't judge a book by its cover!"

It's just good if your looking for a good story you came to the right book I rate it a full 5stars

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