



Echo Mountain

Lauren Wolk

Reviewed by: Erin & Sarah

Blurb

1933. When Ellie and her family lose everything, they flee to Echo Mountain to build a new life. Ellie runs wild, exploring the mountain's mysteries. But the one she can't solve is who's leaving the gifts for her: tiny, beautiful wooden carvings of animals and flowers, dotted around the mountain for her to find.

Then Ellie's father has a terrible accident. Now he lies in a coma, while Ellie shoulders the blame for what happened. When she sets out to find a cure for him, she discovers Cate, the outcast witch, and Larkin, a wild mountain boy. From them she learns about being a healer, being brave - and about how there can be much more to a person than first meets the eye.

Erin's Review

I think this book is great it is all about a little girl whose family have to move into the mountains. There in the mountain they build a new life full of struggles along the way. Ellie is determined to bring her father round from his illness and in doing so comes across Miss Cate who is also ill. Together with her new friends and family, the nature and a mandolin Ellie can do anything... I would recommend this book to anyone who likes an adventure and enjoys nature and kindness.

Sarah's Review

I agree, this book was a refreshing change from others I have read recently. The entire story is set on the mountain yet each feels like its own private world. Lauren Wolk does an amazing job of making the reader feel like they are witnessing everything that plays out in the story. I could imagine Miss Cate's injury almost too vividly for comfort, and almost saw Quiet and the other puppies curled up in the barn together. It was just all so engrossing to see Ellie discover the mountain's mysteries all while trying to cope after her family's financial crash. I highly recommend.