



Echo Mountain

by Lauren Wolk

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Ages 10 & up.

Historical Fiction



“The things we need to learn to do, we learn to do by doing.”

-Lauren Wolk, *Echo Mountain*

When twelve-year-old Ellie and her family are impacted by the dreadful Great Depression, given no choice but to abandon their comfortable home in Maine and rebuild their life in the mountains of Maine known as Echo Mountain. Once settled Ellie finds living a rustic life in the mountains inspiring and a wonder—that is, until her father has a horrific accident and Ellie is wrongfully blamed. Ellie understands she must be brave, and she feels the need to fill her father's shoes to help her family. As Ellie finds the strength through her pain and her family's grief, she will ultimately go to any length to heal her wounded father.

Lauren Wolk, a Newbery Honoree (*Wolf Hollow*), wrote an inspirational tale told by young Ellie, who learns to take matters into her own hands after a series of unfortunate events. Readers are immersed in a historical fiction narrative set during a challenging time defined by struggle and loss, yet readers embrace the beauty, friendships, and blessings in the most unexpected ways. The story's greatest strength comes from Ellie's journey of self-discovery, “if I'd learned anything from the mountain—and from my father—it was that I felt stronger and happier if I was able to do a hard thing and do it well” (Ellie, *Echo Mountain*).

