

Bird Lake Moon

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Bird Lake Moon is a magical story about two boys who find friendship at Bird Lake. The two boys are Mitch and Spencer. Mitch is twelve years old and Spencer is ten years old when they meet that fateful summer. Mitch is going through a hard time as his parents are getting divorced, so he and his mom are staying at Bird Lake with his grandparents. It's Spencer's family's first time back to the lake after the drowning death of Spencer's oldest brother that occurred when he was just four.

The two families are living next door to each other when the boys meet. Mitch thought the house next door was abandoned, and then a family showed up. He began trying to scare the "intruders" out of the house they were staying in because he wanted the house for his mom and himself. He began to pull pranks to scare them away but every prank he pulled left him feeling guilty. Especially his last one, when he turned Spencer's dog loose and he ran away. Mitch felt really bad about that, so he rode off on his grandpa's old bike and found the dog. As he returned the run away dog, he and Spencer become friends. The days they spent together made both of them happy and they helped forget their problems.

I liked *Bird Lake Moon* because it tells the story of a great friendship. Both boys were feeling a little lost and through their friendship they grew and were happy. I really liked this story because it was heart warming. I didn't like the end, because I didn't want it to end! I think this story would be a great gift for a boy or girl age nine to twelve. I would highly recommend this book!