

*Washoe Seasons of Life*

**Karen Wallis, Diane Domiteaux; Illustrated by Lea Saling**

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In the book, *Washoe Seasons of Life* by Karen Wallis and Diane Domiteaux, the authors describe the life of the Washoe Native American tribe who settled in Lake Tahoe, California.

The Washoe live a simple life of survival. The families work together to fish and hunt for food. The children were encouraged to work and contribute to the families survival.

I liked that each page in the book listed the English nouns in italics and the Washoe language and then the English meaning listed in a box at the bottom of each page. The story helped you understand the different cultures that lived in Lake Tahoe before the white man arrived. Children would learn about the tribes strong work ethic and the role of the extended family.

I think the story is a educational book. A child could read the book alone but the reader would need an adult to help interpret the Washoe language with the pronunciation guide in the back of the book. I thought the illustrations were beautiful and young children would love to look at the book to admire Tahoe's beauty and understand what the Washoe tribe looked like.

I would recommend this book to students third through fifth grade. This short story should be held in a library because it's more of a educational story than one you would buy as a gift.