# **#TundraTime** Activities



Hardcover ISBN 9780735265592 | 48 Pages Age: 4-8 years | Preschool-Grade 3

### About the Book

It's Kate's first time visiting her grandparents on her own at their lakeside home. She's nervous but excited at the adventure ahead. She helps her grandfather with his grocery deliveries by boat, where she meets all the neighbors, including a very grumpy old man named Walter. And she makes best friends with her grandparents' dog, Parbuckle. Her grandmother even teaches her to pilot the boat all by herself! When her grandfather takes ill suddenly, it's up to Kate — but can she really make all those deliveries, even to grumpy old Walter? She has to try! Based on the author's sister, Kate is a lovable, brave, smart and feisty character who will capture your heart in this gorgeous and moving story about facing fears and gaining independence.

### Keep the Conversation Going

Here are some ideas, activities and questions to consider after you've read the book:

- · What is your favorite place in the world?
- Describe a time when you were nervous about doing something.
- In the story, Kate "hears" Parbuckle talking to her.
  Look at each picture of Parbuckle in the book.
  What do you think he is saying to himself?
- Kate sees a great blue heron flying overhead. At night in her bed, she hears the lonely cry of a loon out on the lake. Draw a bird or animal that comes out in daytime, and another that comes out at night.
- Kate's mother grew up on a lake. Where did your mother, father or caregiver grow up? What kinds of fun things did they do when they were little?
- Design a postcard and write a message from Kate to her mother.

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## The Letter Drawing Game

Kate has a way to remember her letter shapes: to make a K, she drew a stick with an arm and a leg. A was a tent. T was a telephone pole and E was a little comb.

Draw a picture with each letter of your first name.



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