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Parents, Caregivers, & Educators

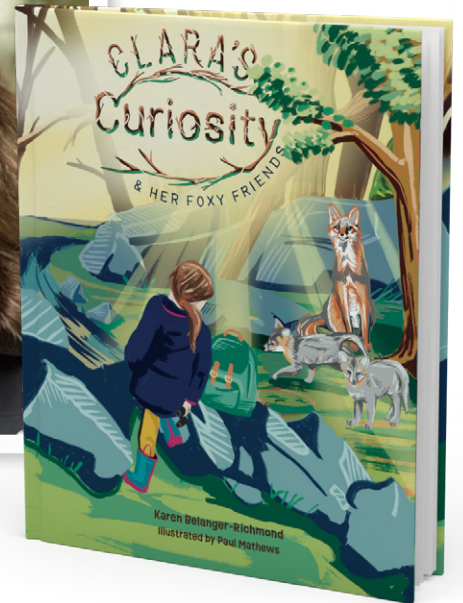
It was such a great joy to read my first children's book, *Clara's Curiosity & Her Foxy Friends*, to your curious young reader today!

Intro . . .

My name is Karen Belanger-Richmond, my husband and I truly hope every child enjoyed hearing all about the outdoor adventures in *Clara's Curiosity & Her Foxy Friends*. We especially love seeing their faces light up when we introduce them to "Fearless Fran" the fox puppet. It has long been my dream to bring a book into children's hands that encourages them to learn more from the great outdoors. In *Clara's Curiosity*, that is just what takes place with the main character. This story includes fun facts about the Maine gray fox and important learning content like the sight words our young readers need to master during their young reading years. I'm happy to share that my story has 224 Fry Sight words (see attached list) bringing meaningful learning when the words are experienced in the context of a story, and allowing for true teaching and learning opportunities within the content. It is our hope, that Clara, will inspire all young readers and adults to model in Clara's curiosity and seek what you and they are curious about in nature.

Thanks . . .

I give you my thanks for considering the "Clara's Curiosity Pledge" we shared together today. Finding fun times together to enjoy the great outdoors to read a book in a green space like our beautiful New England forests, which has many mental health benefits for our children and ourselves is worth all the time and planning. Time goes by quickly, and the fun-loving learning memories we make together on these outdoor adventures will last forever!



Karen

***"Feed your mind with great books and
nurture your mind with nature!"***

—Karen Belanger-Richmond

