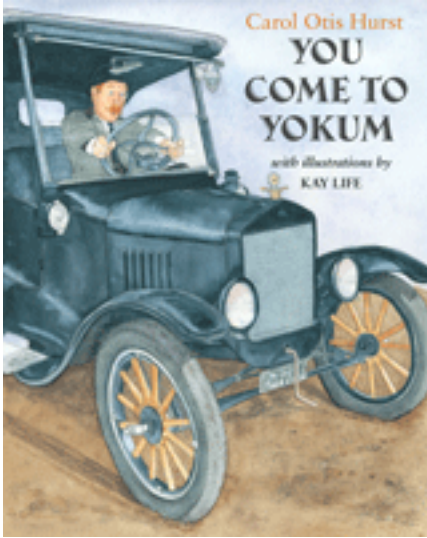


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You Come to Yokum

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About the Book

Welcome to 1921 western Massachusetts — Yokum Pond, in the Berkshires, to be specific — where twelve-year-old Frank and his family have just moved with a dream of making a success of a vacation and hunting lodge. They've driven from the farm in their new Model T Ford, the "tarnatious machine" that, at the demands of his wife, Frank's automobile-leery father only recently has begun struggling to master.

Set among the trials and fun adventures of rural life that Frank recounts, the real story is his mother's determined fight for suffrage. In spite of less-than-receptive neighbors and the constant mutterings of her agitated husband, Grace campaigns relentlessly for women's right to vote — speaking out, distributing pamphlets, and going door-to-door to muster support, until, with Tennessee's ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, she finally sees the reward for her unflagging efforts.

Carol Otis Hurst's *You Come to Yokum* is historical fiction with humor and heart. Illustrated with beautifully detailed black-and-white drawings and perfect for readers transitioning from chapter books to novels, this book is both entertaining and deeply moving, and the perfect, accessible introduction to a pivotal time of great change in this country.

About the Author

Carol Otis Hurst has written several novels for young adults, including *Through the Lock*, *In Plain Sight*, and *A Killing in Plymouth Colony*. Her forthcoming *Torchlight* (Houghton Mifflin, October 2006) tells the story of two young girls who befriend each other during the Civil War despite loyalties to opposing communities. A former teacher and librarian, Carol Otis Hurst is a columnist for *Teaching K-8* magazine and conducts workshops on storytelling and children's literature around the country. She is the mother of two daughters and the grandmother of two grandsons. She lives in Westfield, Massachusetts. To learn more, please visit www.carolhurst.com.

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