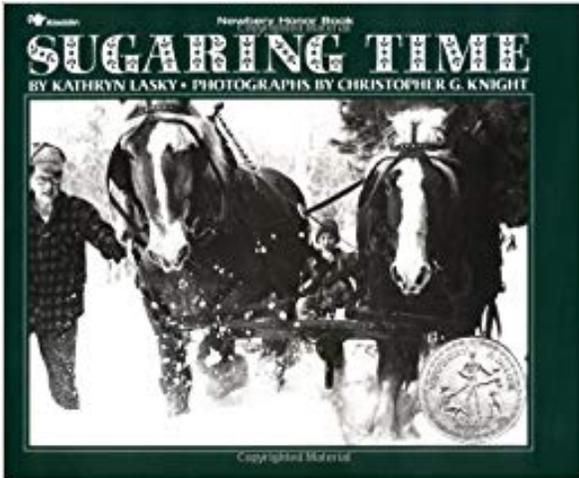


# Titles for Exploring Sugaring Season



## Nonfiction



### Sugaring Time

Kathryn Lasky, Christopher G. Knight

**Ages 8+**

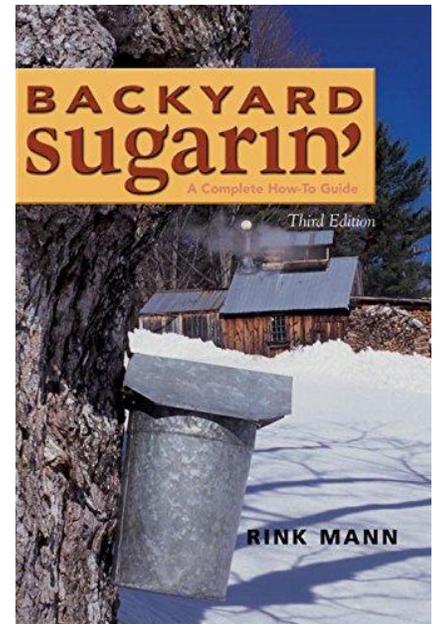
Follow a Vermont family through a season of sugaring with a team of draft horses. Written and photographed nearly 40 years ago, the practices detailed here are now scarcely used due to modernization. The text reads like fiction, and is steeped in New England sugaring culture, too.

### Backyard Sugarin'

Rink Mann

**Ages 7+**

This how-to guide was originally published in the 1970's and showcases a wide variety of homemade backyard sugaring operations in detail. This text is perfect paired with a visit to a local commercial sugarhouse, as the contrast between large scale and small scale sugaring is striking. Some set-ups in this book shouldn't be used, but many are genius and easy to replicate!

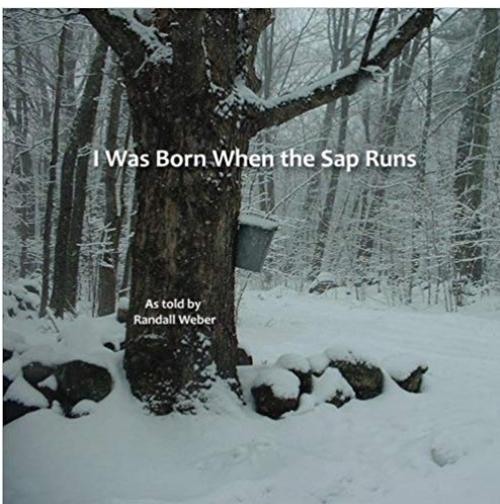


### I Was Born When the Sap Runs

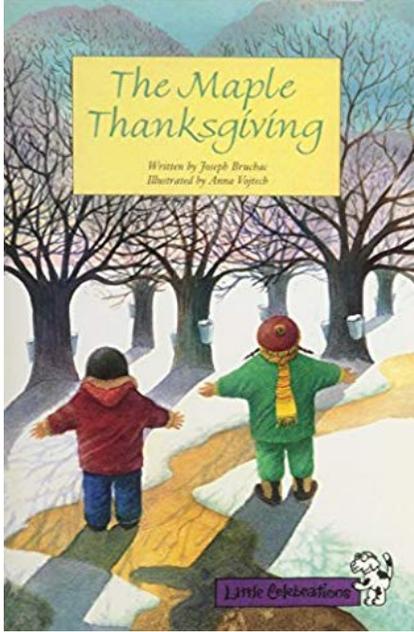
Randall Weber

**Ages 5+**

This first-person account of modern sugaring on a New Hampshire farm is told by young Randall, a child born during sugaring season. Randall's family uses tubing and pumps to sugar large numbers of maples all over town, and Randall loves helping to collect the sap and boil it in a modern evaporator. Read to learn about how sugaring has modernized over time.



## Fiction



### The Maple Thanksgiving

Josep Bruchac, Anna Vojtech

**Ages 6+ (early reader)**

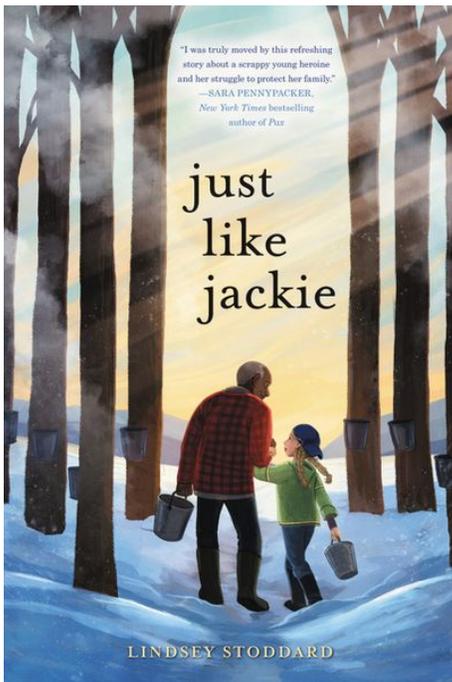
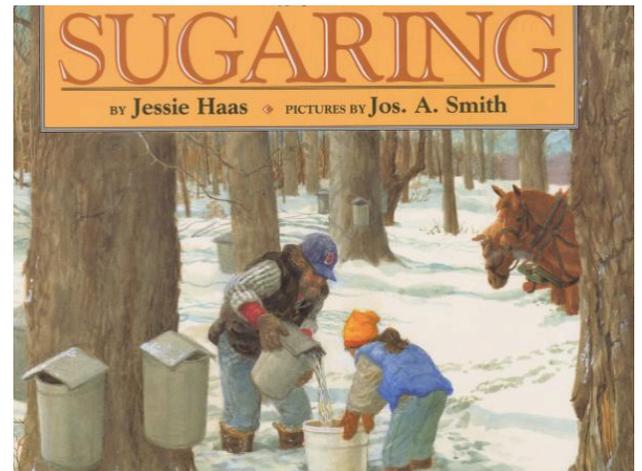
Elementary children in an Iroquois community celebrate a springtime Thanksgiving to express gratitude towards the trees that give them sugar. The children enjoy traditional treats and revel in the special season between seasons.

### Sugaring

Jessie Haas, Jos. A. Smith

**Ages 6+**

Grandpa uses a team of draft horses to haul sap, and Nora helps out by watching the evaporator and flicking cream onto the surface of the bubbling sap to prevent it from boiling over. Nora takes her responsibilities seriously, and takes special care of the horses, whom she loves dearly.



### Just Like Jackie

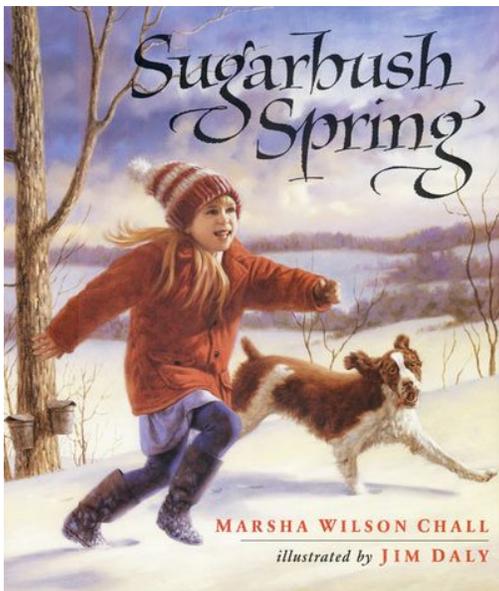
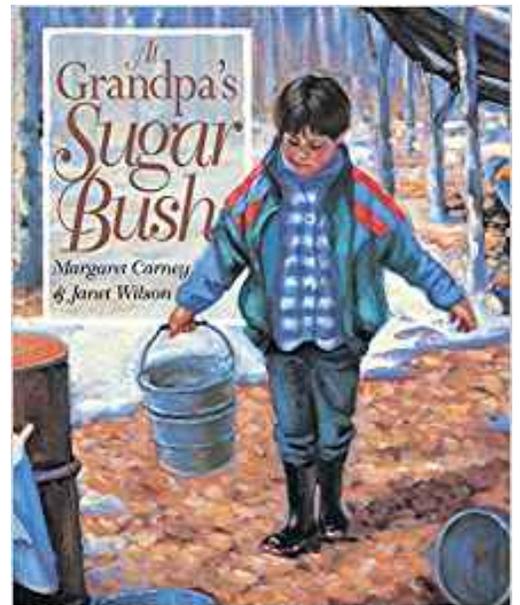
Lindsey Stoddard

**Ages 10+**

Robinson and her grandfather live in rural Vermont, where things like fixing cars together and making maple syrup are just regular parts of their lives. When her grandpa's memory begins to decline, Robinson is afraid to ask for help for fear of being separated from him. Set during sugaring season, the story is one of love, resilience, and - of course - maple syrup.

## At Grandpa's Sugar Bush Margaret Carney, Janet Wilson Ages 6+

A young boy and his grandfather share the traditions of sugaring together, enjoying the time spent outside and the sweet product of their labor. The illustrations highlight lots of signs of spring and the plant and animal species who share the forests where sugar maples live.



## Sugarbush Spring Marsha Wilson Chall, Jim Daly Ages 6+

A young girl experiences the start of sugaring season alongside her grandfather for the first time. Normally, she helps hitch up the horses and bids her grandfather farewell as he heads out to tap trees and hang buckets, but this year, she's old enough to help! She learns how to find trees of the right age, where to hang buckets, and when the sap runs (and when it doesn't!). Later, she learns about the science of boiling sap while spending time with community in her family's sugarhouse.

## Pancakes for Breakfast Tomie DePaola All Ages

This wordless picture book shows a pancake breakfast from start to finish, beginning with a craving and ending with, well, maybe a few too many pancakes. Young readers and non-readers can describe the steps taken to create pancakes, and the places from which each ingredient is sourced.

