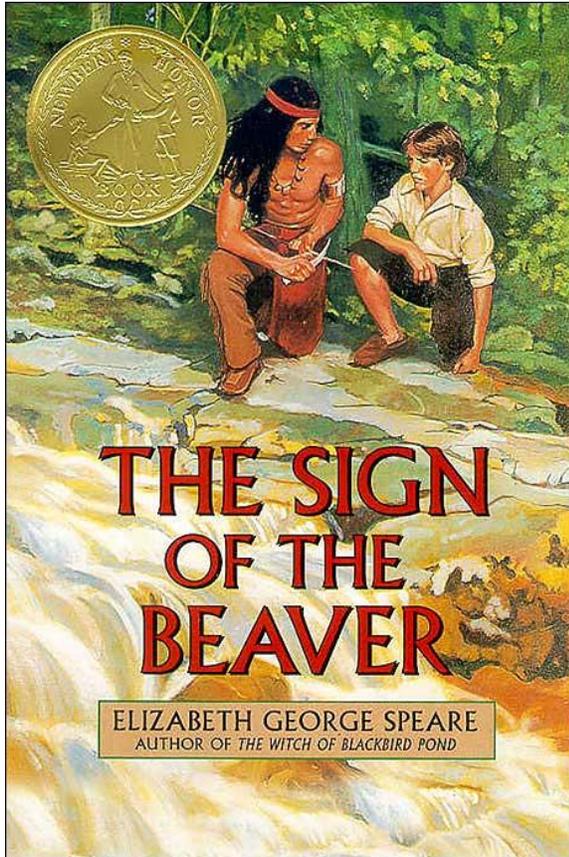


Book Review



Elizabeth George Speare – *The Sign of the Beaver*



Age Appropriateness



Reading Level



Genre Fiction

Language (Col 3:8; Eph 4:29; Matt 5:37; Titus 2:8)



Mature Themes



False Teaching (Titus 1:10-11)



Violence (1 Tim 3:3; Prov 16 29)



Impurity (Eph 5:5; Isa 64:6; 1 Thes 4:7-8)



Bad Characters (1 Cor 15:33)



“Matt stood at the edge of the clearing for some time after his father had gone out of sight among the trees. There was just a chance that his father might turn back, that perhaps he had forgotten something or had some last word of advice. This was one time Matt reckoned he wouldn’t mind the advice, no matter how many times he had heard it before. But finally he had to admit that this was not going to happen. His father had really gone. He was alone, with miles of wilderness stretching on every side”

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.¹

The Sign of the Beaver is a great book! It is very similar to *My Side of the Mountain* although I enjoyed Speare's book even more.

2 Thess 3:10 - For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. (NKJV)

Prov 6:6-8 - Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest. (NKJV)

Major Book Themes

Courage, Preparation, Survival, Wildlife, Friendship

¹ Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Data Summary