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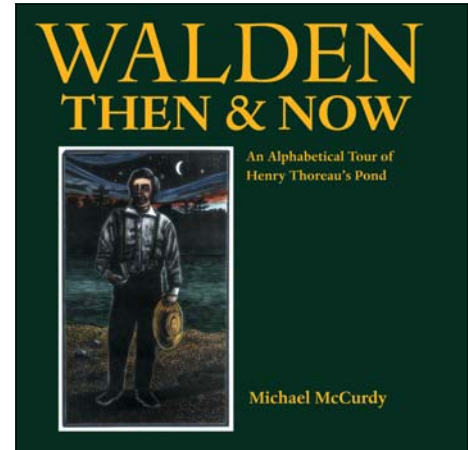
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WALDEN THEN & NOW

Michael McCurdy

**“I hear a song sparrow singing from the bushes
on the shore.”**

Henry David Thoreau, *Walden*



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Henry David Thoreau was an author and naturalist whose book *Walden* still inspires readers today. In it Thoreau documented his experience living in a cabin on Walden Pond, reflecting on the beauty of nature and Mother Earth. Much of his writing, including *Walden*, propelled the environmental movement that exists today.

Over one hundred and fifty years later, Michael McCurdy pays tribute to this influential figure and the historic place that inspired Thoreau during his lifetime. In *Walden Then & Now*, readers take an alphabetical journey around Walden Pond. McCurdy explores Thoreau's simple life in his cabin surrounded by nature, and highlights what has changed and what has stayed the same from Thoreau's time to our own. Readers discover the animals, plants, seasons, and thoughts that Thoreau recorded during his life on the pond as they gain an appreciation for nature and environmentalism.

McCurdy's beautiful wood engravings illustrate this celebration of the joy, solitude, and drama of the natural life of Walden Pond—then and now.

Michael McCurdy is the author and illustrator of An Algonquian Year, Hannah's Farm, and Trapped by the Ice. He is also the illustrator of more than 200 books for adults and children, including The Founders: The 39 Stories Behind the Constitution and The Train They Call the City of New Orleans. He lives in Springfield, Massachusetts, with his wife, Deborah.



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