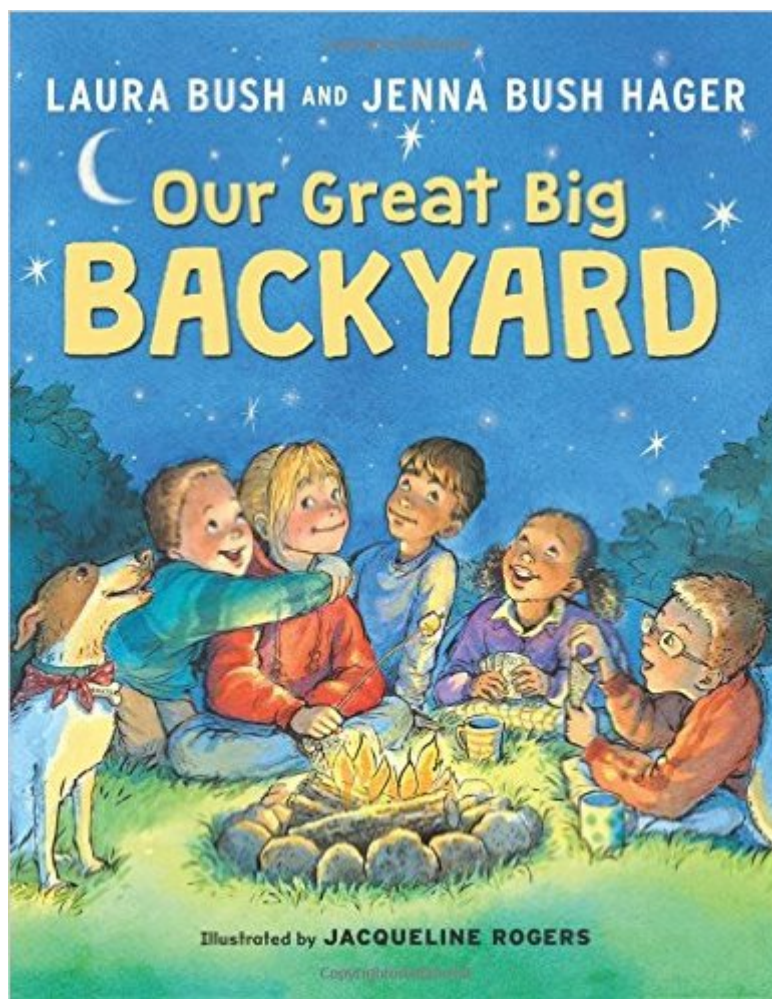


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# Our Great Big Backyard



## Synopsis

#1 New York Times Bestselling Picture Book To help commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the National Park Service, #1 New York Times bestselling authors former First Lady Laura Bush and her daughter Jenna Bush Hager have created an exuberant picture book tribute to our national parks and the importance and fun of connecting with nature. Our Great Big Backyard follows Jane, whose plans of spending the summer playing video games with her friends are dashed when her parents announce that her family is going on a road trip to national parks around the country. Yet somewhere between the Everglades and Big Bend National Park, things begin to change. Jane starts paying attention to the magnificent sights and spends less time looking at her screen. The stunning views open up her imagination as she and her brother see everything that nature has to offer. And the more Jane discovers, the more she realizes how much there is to love about the outdoors—whether she's in a national park across the country or right in her own backyard.

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

CHILDREN'S FICTION, AGES 4-8 Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager Illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers Our Great Big Backyard HarperCollins Hardcover, 978-0-06-246835-2 (also available as an ebook), 40 pgs., \$18.99 May 10, 2016 Jane and her friends have their electronic summer all planned out—movies, YouTube, and video games—until Jane's parents ruin everything with their dorky

Great American Road Trip. Disappointed, frustrated, Jane says goodbye to her friends on the last day of school. As the trip begins, Jane's nose is in her iPad. She fails to appreciate the manatees at Everglades National Park and the Mark Twain lookalike riverboat captain on the Mississippi. The next stop, however, is Big Bend National Park, where Jane is impressed by the Texas night sky. A meteor shower lit up the sky like fireworks, Jane says, brighter than any screen I had ever seen. Jane and her family go on to play astronauts in the desert, tightrope walkers at Grand Canyon National Park, and cowboys at Yosemite National Park, where El Capitan makes Jane feel really small but really great, too, like I was part of something big. Our Great Big Backyard by Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager is a sweet celebration of America's National Park Service, which observes its centennial anniversary in August 2016. This book encourages a love for, and pride in, the nation's most valuable assets, and inspires children to get out from behind their devices and explore the outdoors. Jacqueline Rogers's pen, ink, watercolor, gouache, and marker illustrations are a cute accompaniment to the simple text. She includes playful elements that adults will appreciate as well, such as the stenciled on dad's golf bag.

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