



Silent Observer

By Christy Mackinnon

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon

"I was born, like my seven brothers and sisters, in a house atop a hill overlooking lovely Bras d'Or Lake." So begins Christy MacKinnon's story of life as a little girl in 19th-century Nova Scotia, Canada. Through wonderful images created with her own words and her watercolors, she tells of a simple, charming life on the family farm; of learning with her father, the master of her town's one-room schoolhouse; and of her eventual travel to Halifax to attend a "special" school. As with many children in the 1800s, Christy became deaf after a "seige of whooping cough," a sickness common then, which she barely survived. Silent Observer opens to young readers a world rarely seen today. They will be thrilled by her family's ride in a horse-drawn sleigh over a frozen northern lake, and her close encounters with a noisy bull and a "gentleman" ram. Children and adults alike will warm to her cheerful memories of the simple pleasure of playing in a flower-filled field with her brothers and sisters. They will discover, too, that young Christy crossed paths with many vital figures of the day, beginning with frequent visits by Alexander Graham Bell, and later with a momentous meeting with Helen Keller. Silent Observer is a delightful memoir told as it was seen through the eyes of a lively child. It is also a meaningful record of life for a deaf child and her family in the far reaches of Canada at the end of an era. Silent Observer is a beautiful, sensitive story that is sure to be enjoyed by everyone.

 [Download Silent Observer ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Silent Observer ...pdf](#)

Silent Observer

By Christy Mackinnon

Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon

"I was born, like my seven brothers and sisters, in a house atop a hill overlooking lovely Bras d'Or Lake." So begins Christy MacKinnon's story of life as a little girl in 19th-century Nova Scotia, Canada. Through wonderful images created with her own words and her watercolors, she tells of a simple, charming life on the family farm; of learning with her father, the master of her town's one-room schoolhouse; and of her eventual travel to Halifax to attend a "special" school. As with many children in the 1800s, Christy became deaf after a "seige of whooping cough," a sickness common then, which she barely survived. Silent Observer opens to young readers a world rarely seen today. They will be thrilled by her family's ride in a horse-drawn sleigh over a frozen northern lake, and her close encounters with a noisy bull and a "gentleman" ram. Children and adults alike will warm to her cheerful memories of the simple pleasure of playing in a flower-filled field with her brothers and sisters. They will discover, too, that young Christy crossed paths with many vital figures of the day, beginning with frequent visits by Alexander Graham Bell, and later with a momentous meeting with Helen Keller. Silent Observer is a delightful memoir told as it was seen through the eyes of a lively child. It is also a meaningful record of life for a deaf child and her family in the far reaches of Canada at the end of an era. Silent Observer is a beautiful, sensitive story that is sure to be enjoyed by everyone.

Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon Bibliography

- Rank: #2407006 in Books
- Brand: Brand: Gallaudet University Press
- Published on: 1993-04-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 11.00" h x .40" w x 8.50" l, 1.05 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 42 pages

 [Download Silent Observer ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Silent Observer ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Silent Observer By Christy MacKinnon

Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 2-4-MacKinnon, born in 1889 and deaf since the age of two, worked as an artist until her death in 1981. Her niece later found a package of artwork and notes and published them in this memoir. The text reads like a diary, lending authenticity and charm to MacKinnon's anecdotal stories of growing up in 19th-century Nova Scotia. Her watercolor illustrations are colorful and heavily outlined; some are more detailed than others. Their unpolished look reinforces the personal nature of the book. However, the intended audience for this title is unclear. The text is quite long, and the subject matter would be best appreciated by upper-elementary students, but the format is that of a picture book. A unique offering, but one with limited appeal.

Christine A. Moesch, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, NY

Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From [Booklist](#)

Ages 5-9. A personal view of growing up on a Cape Breton farm at the end of the nineteenth century. Illustrated with line-and-watercolor artwork, this first-person memoir starts when MacKinnon contracted whooping cough and lost her hearing at age two. The narrative continues through her first term at a boarding school in Halifax when she was 13. MacKinnon's experiences included the death of her mother, the realization that she was deaf, her father's remarriage, and her difficult adjustment to boarding school. While both the drawing and the writing are awkward at times, this memoir, culled after her death from MacKinnon's diaries and artwork, has a certain charm. Aside from the story itself, which includes the child's meeting Alexander Graham Bell and Helen Keller, as well as some amusing anecdotes of farm life, the book may be useful to teachers presenting units on nineteenth-century life or on deafness. *Carolyn Phelan*

Review

The text reads like a diary, lending authenticity and charm to MacKinnon's anecdotal stories of growing up in 19th-century Nova Scotia. A unique offering.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

John Casale:

What do you concentrate on book? It is just for students because they are still students or the idea for all people in the world, the actual best subject for that? Just simply you can be answered for that concern above. Every person has several personality and hobby for every single other. Don't to be pushed someone or something that they don't wish do that. You must know how great and important the book Silent Observer. All type of book are you able to see on many methods. You can look for the internet solutions or other social media.

Gregory Morrow:

Information is provisions for anyone to get better life, information these days can get by anyone at everywhere. The information can be a understanding or any news even a concern. What people must be

consider any time those information which is from the former life are challenging to be find than now could be taking seriously which one is appropriate to believe or which one the resource are convinced. If you receive the unstable resource then you get it as your main information it will have huge disadvantage for you. All those possibilities will not happen within you if you take Silent Observer as the daily resource information.

Charlene Stidham:

Your reading sixth sense will not betray you, why because this Silent Observer reserve written by well-known writer who really knows well how to make book that could be understand by anyone who all read the book. Written with good manner for you, leaking every ideas and writing skill only for eliminate your own personal hunger then you still doubt Silent Observer as good book but not only by the cover but also by content. This is one e-book that can break don't ascertain book by its include, so do you still needing yet another sixth sense to pick this specific!? Oh come on your looking at sixth sense already told you so why you have to listening to a different sixth sense.

Robert Banks:

Reading a book make you to get more knowledge as a result. You can take knowledge and information from the book. Book is published or printed or created from each source in which filled update of news. In this modern era like currently, many ways to get information are available for anyone. From media social like newspaper, magazines, science guide, encyclopedia, reference book, new and comic. You can add your understanding by that book. Isn't it time to spend your spare time to spread out your book? Or just looking for the Silent Observer when you essential it?

**Download and Read Online Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon
#PD2971BGJWH**

Read Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon for online ebook

Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon books to read online.

Online Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon ebook PDF download

Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon Doc

Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon MobiPocket

Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon EPub

PD2971BGJWH: Silent Observer By Christy Mackinnon