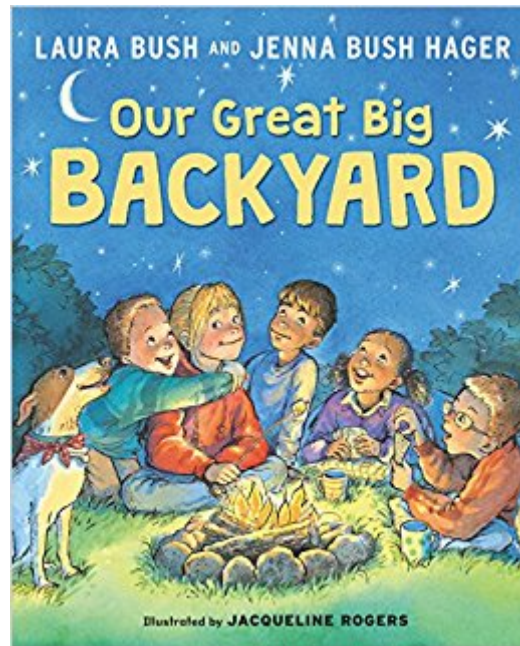




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# Our Great Big Backyard



## 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.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

For decades, Laura Bush has championed key issues in the fields of education, health care, human rights, and the preservation of our nation's heritage. A hiking and outdoors enthusiast, Mrs. Bush encourages Americans to spend time in and care for our national parks. The author of the bestselling

memoir *Spoken from the Heart*, Mrs. Bush also founded both the Texas Book Festival and the National Book Festival in Washington, DC. Today, as the chair of the Women's Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute, Mrs. Bush continues her work on global health-care innovations, empowering women in emerging democracies, education reform, and supporting the men and women who have served in America's military. Mrs. Bush holds a degree in education and a master's degree in library science. She taught in public schools in Dallas, Houston, and Austin and worked as a public school librarian. Jaqueline Rogers has been a professional children's book illustrator for more than twenty years and has worked on nearly one hundred children's books. Jenna Bush Hager is a contributing correspondent on NBC's *Today* show and an editor-at-large for *Southern Living* magazine. She is also the author of the New York Times bestseller *Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope*, which she wrote after traveling to Latin America in 2006 as an intern with UNICEF. *Ana's Story* is based on the life of a seventeen-year-old single mother with HIV who struggles to shield her child from the life she had of abuse and neglect. Hager remains involved with UNICEF and is currently the chair of its Next Generation initiative, which is dedicated to reducing childhood deaths around the world. Hager holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin. She is also coauthor with Laura Bush of the children's books *Our Great Big Backyard* and *Read All About It!* Hager is the daughter of former US President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. In 2008, she married Henry Hager, and they have two daughters, Margaret Laura (Mila) and Poppy Louise.

Nice book for young readers and the read-to that reveals some of the wonders found in America's National Parks. And it's topical too. The daughter in the story spends her days on-line and can't be bothered initially to look out her window as the family winds its way across the United States via National Parks. Of course the wonders of the natural world start to have an effect on her and she realizes that real clouds (and scenery) are much more engaging than life in *The Cloud*. Nicely illustrated and accessible. My two year old likes the pictures and sits still for the reading.

Gotta buy this book. Outdoor family time in National Parks!! One of my favorites books now. Bought 2 for each of my grandkids and parents loved them !! If I was teaching I would make whole theme around this book. 1. National parks 2. Family time is very important. 3. Camping out. 4. Discuss who is author is. So much teacher could do teaching using this book. Update. My grandson will not put down this book. Everyday everyday all he wants to read. Pages are stuck so going to buy new one

Oh, my goodness! Laura and Jenna Bush wrote a really fun book encouraging families to travel the beautiful National Parks in our country. Also includes a list of our National Parks, by states, in the back of the book. Very useful as a travel guide and planning a special trip.

This book is a cute introduction to exploring our country's national parks. The artwork is delightful, and I especially enjoyed the reference list in the back of the book. I can see this book being useful as a springboard to research projects for upper elementary-aged students. My son is entering fourth grade, and he was required to several different types of books this summer, including an age-appropriate picture book. Our Great Big Backyard was perfect. We enjoyed the book together, and I am having him research one of the places that the family in the story visited. I would have enjoyed a bit more history about each park given that this book is geared towards a slightly older audience.

very cute book! We got it this summer right before our big road trip and my kids really like it. They like seeing some of the places we visited in there

Darling book. I gave it as a gift, but glanced through it first. Wonderful illustrations. I highly recommend it

Great book for my grandsons who love to camp and are just learning to read.

My 5 year old granddaughter loved this book. Great message and family values. Of course, this Gigi adores Laura Bush and Jena Bush Hager!!

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