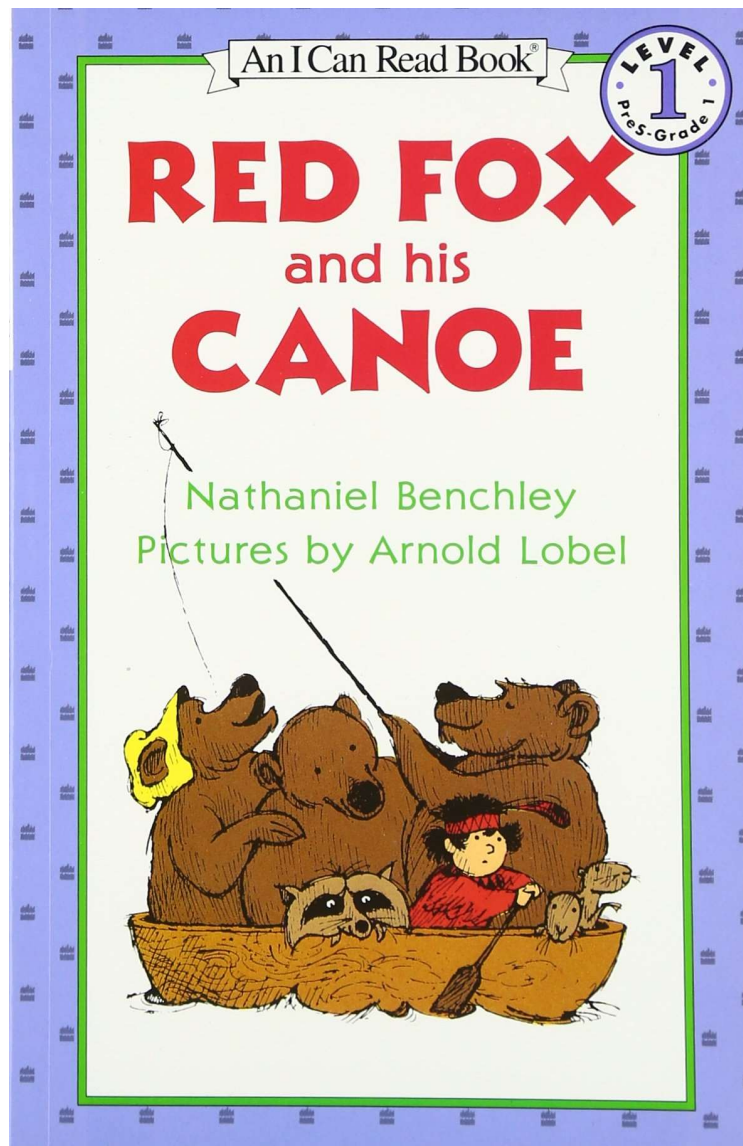




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Nathaniel Benchley's - **Red Fox and His Canoe** introduces Red Fox, a small boy, and his dad.

Like other Indian boys, Red Fox did have a small canoe to use when he wanted to go fishing. However, he longed-for a bigger one, a much bigger one!

Red Fox asked his father to make him a bigger canoe. His father was a little taken aback when Red Fox announced that *he wanted the biggest canoe in the whole world.*

Papa did **not** think *that* was a real dandy idea, nevertheless, the pair set off into the forest searching to locate the perfect tree for the new canoe.

Each tree Papa found, Red Fox thought was too small, however, at long last Papa chopped down a tree and made a fire in it.

"This is too big for you. But, you'll grow into it."

Red Fox and his father quickly scraped the burned part out of the tree and soon Red Fox was ready for his first outing in his BIG canoe. Setting off in the water Red Fox planned to catch a million fish.

He WAS nearing the half million mark when Red Fox heard some peculiar sounds. And, he found a bear having no luck fishing. The bear saw Red Fox, and, he saw all those fish Red Fox had in the canoe.

He ate them all!

Red Fox and the bear set about to do a bit more fishing. Red Fox did the rowing, and the bear highjacked the fishing pole. Over on the bank the bear noticed a friend, and invited her to come along.

She wanted to bring her friend Al.

Red Fox paddled, the bears fished and ate and fished and ate. Red Fox realized he had to get rid of the bears. And, he tricked the bears into hurrying to one end of the canoe. It tipped *way* over.

However, before Red Fox could tip it all the way; two otters climbed on board. The otters knew where the best fishing spots were, as they passed below the limb of a tree **a raccoon hopped into the canoe.**

Complaintive Rumbling broke out, the bears got sleepy, *they* nestled down for a nap, the otters clamored up on the bears and *they* too went to sleep.

A moose thought the jam packed canoe looked like a fun time, so in **he** began climbing.

A huge cr-aaaaa-ck reverberated, AND NO MORE CANOE.

All that was left of Red Fox' canoe were the front and back ends of the small boat. Tying the foremost and the backmost pieces of the canoe together with vines; Red Fox set out for home.

Nathaniel Benchley's **Red Fox and His Canoe** is one of those timeless works accepted so well by Little People back when I was first teaching in California and it continued to be a favorite right to the last days I taught in Oklahoma as Osage County First Grade gathered on the rug to listen to books read to them.

I particularly like Arnold Lobel's artistic prowess, his critters are all child pleasing. The plains Indian headdress, a la movies, on Papa's head *may* be a touch out of kilter, however, Papa is a goodhearted type and Lobel depicts the long suffering all parents tolerate at one time or another when raising kids.

Osage County First Grade students listened with the same bright eyed enthusiasm as did my first classes decades before in California whether it was the first reading or the umpteenth.

Red Fox may be a tad ambitious, *as are most six and seven year olds* I have ever known.

He is a figure with which Little People identify promptly. I like the possibility for discussion that always turn up as Red Fox and his new canoe prove to be a bit too much for a Little Fellow.

I enjoy hearing Little People agree, *he should have listened to his Dad.*

I enjoy reading **Red Fox and His Canoe** aloud to children, Happy to recommend for use in classrooms, homeschool settings, free time read, and parent/child reading time.

Red Fox and His Canoe will be a dandy choice for a back to school gift for the shy Firsties class, or for gifting a Little Person on birthday or other important day in the life of the Little Person.

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Internet Biography: Nathaniel Benchley continues to be the highly-respected author of many children's books including the I Can Read Books including Children's books, and historical middle grade works including Sam the Minuteman and George the Drummer Boy, among many others.

His son Peter wrote the world famous Jaws.

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