

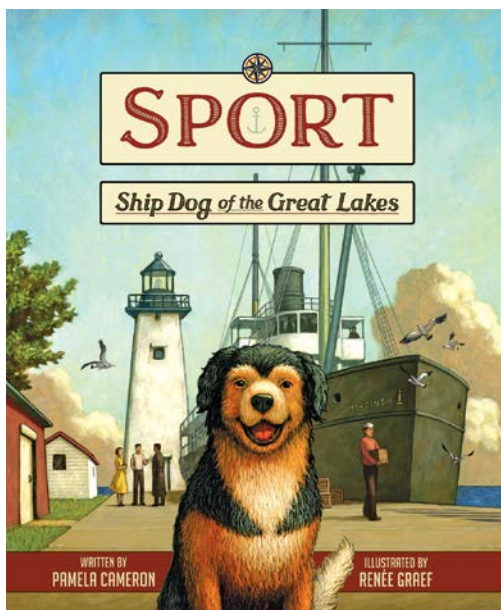


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## New Kid's Book Shares True Story of Great Lakes Ship Dog, *Sport*



"Sport was just a dog, but he was always a good dog and a good shipmate, a friend to everybody and everybody's friend."

Captain Harry Maynard, 1926  
Lighthouse Tender *Hyacinth*

The Wisconsin Historical Society Press is delighted to announce the release of our first-ever children's picture book, *Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes*, by retired children's librarian Pamela Cameron and award-winning American Girl and *My First Little House Books* illustrator Renée Graef. Through beautiful illustrations, accompanying maps, diagrams, vocabulary, and historical notes, they bring the real-life adventures of *Sport* beautifully back to life.

A charming and engaging story for young readers, *Sport's* story began in 1914 when crew of a Lighthouse Tender Ship *Hyacinth* rescued a puppy from the Milwaukee River. The Newfoundland-retriever mix, *Sport*, soon became a valued member of the crew and a recognizable mascot of the Great Lakes -- towing ropes to shore, helping the *Hyacinth* maintain safety buoys, playing on the ship's baseball team, and more.

Through *Sport's* adventures, young readers learn about life on America's inland sea and the ways that lighthouse tender ships kept the lakes safe.

*Sport, Ship Dog of the Great Lakes* (ISBN: 978-0-87020-914-7, Hardcover: \$17.95, 32 pages with 21 color illustrations, 9 x 11) is published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press and distributed through the Chicago Distribution Center at the University of Chicago. Find "Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes" at your favorite book retailer!

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Award-winning children's book illustrator **Renée Graef** has illustrated more than eighty books for children, including the *Kristen* series for American Girl, *B is for Badger*, and many of the *My First Little House* books by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

**Pamela Cameron** has been an elementary and middle school librarian and a public librarian in Wisconsin and Michigan. She is a member of the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History, the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, and the Great Lakes Historical Society.

### EARLY PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

"If we were to rate books with stars from 1 to 5 with 5 being the best, we'd give 'Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes' a 5-Star rating. The story is great and the artwork absolutely fabulous!"

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