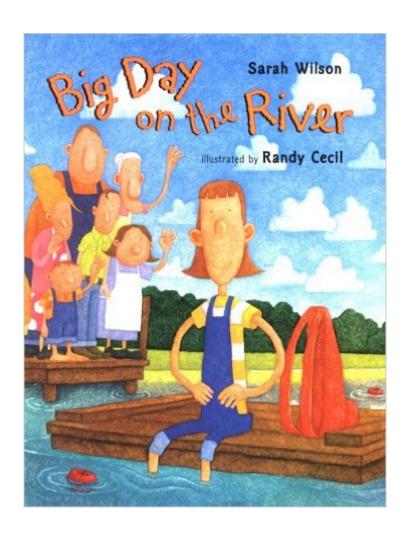
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# **Big Day On The River**





## **Synopsis**

A little girl looks forward to her first solo raft ride on the river, but her well-meaning relatives donâ <sup>TM</sup>t want to leave her alone.At dawn, Willie danced her way to the river, joyful to be alone and grinning ear-to-ear.â œYow-eee!â • she shouted. â œMy first day out on the Wallawatchee, and nobodyâ <sup>TM</sup>s here to tell me what to do or how to do it!â •Willie canâ <sup>TM</sup>t wait to take her raft out on the river for the first time. Her loving relatives want her to have a wonderful trip, so they load the raft with everything she might need: watermelons and lemonade, sun umbrellas and warm blankets, and even a camp stove. Thereâ <sup>TM</sup>s hardly enough room left for Willie! But this resourceful girl isnâ <sup>TM</sup>t about to let anything sink her plansâ "not even her wonderful family. Sheâ <sup>TM</sup>II have her own riotous river adventure yet!Bestselling author Sarah Wilson has created an irresistible story about a spunky little girlâ <sup>TM</sup>s first steps toward independence.

### **Book Information**

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Vivid acrylic gouache illustrations and sparkling prose highlight this funny, clever book about a "skinny-legs-tall girl's almost spoiled rafting trip down the "Wallawatchee." Just as she's celebrating her imminent launch from the dock, (along with two duck pals), Willie's extended (as in "large-extended") family prance down the dock bringing her provisions that threaten to overload her raft, and country dialect, similes, and metaphors for the reader's delight: Gramma Clementia brings a bag

of apples: "It's a long-toed river out there. You'll be hungry as a hound by midmorning!" Gramma Emmaline brings a watermelon. "The watermelon was heavier than a full grown-raccoon in a washtub." Some of the men happen to bring smelly items--even the ducks hold their noses: An umbrella "as tall as a beanpole" which might have some dirty socks within it, and a horse blanket which may have some horse hair. The raft loads up more and more as Uncle Binderbus and Uncle Mumpford, respectively, bring a bicycle and a chair. Calamity ensues as the raft goes under ("fortunately the water was shoulder-high-shallow) and the givers focus on getting back their supplies. There's a very happy ending, and overall, a very lightly presented lesson for the overly solicitous. The narrative, dialogue, and pictures are just flat-out fun. (You may find yourself doing a little regional dialect yourself after reading this one.) It's great fun to read silently and especially to others. The large format illustrations and exaggerated portraits give the book a tall-tale feeling but within a familiar context. Sarah Wilson and Randy Cecil have concocted one of the most enjoyable books I've read all year; it's a very down-home yarn that's sure to please.

Big Day On The River is a completely delightful picture book story about a young girl who sometimes feels a bit squeezed by her large family, and her determination to enjoy a river adventure. Playful color illustrations by Randy Cecil perfectly showcase the upbeat text by Sarah Wilson, -- and lots of splashing make for an upbeat and thoroughly fun-filled read for children ages 4 to 7!

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