2005

Marshfield dreams: when I was a kid

Gillian Streeter

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Streeter, Gillian (2005) "Marshfield dreams: when I was a kid," Children's Book and Media Review: Vol. 26 : Iss. 2 , Article 22.
Available at: https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol26/iss2/22

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the All Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.

Reviewer: Gillian Streeter
Reading Level: Intermediate, Young Adult
Rating: Excellent
Genre: Autobiographies;
Subject: Fletcher, Ralph J.--Childhood and youth--Juvenile literature; Authors, American--20th century--Biography--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

The author reflects on his childhood in Marshfield, Massachusetts, in this wonderfully nostalgic book. The small but significant events and patterns that build a childhood are reviewed and treasured in this book's short chapters. Marshfield Dreams feels a bit like Bradbury's Dandelion Wine, only the style is simpler. The author reflects on experiences from his childhood, varying from spending a church meeting outside the chapel because of his large family to a daring rescue of the family's two pet roosters. More serious topics, such as the family's move from Massachusetts to Illinois, will connect young readers to the author's experiences. Adults will remember some of the magic in their childhoods through Fletcher's own reminisces.