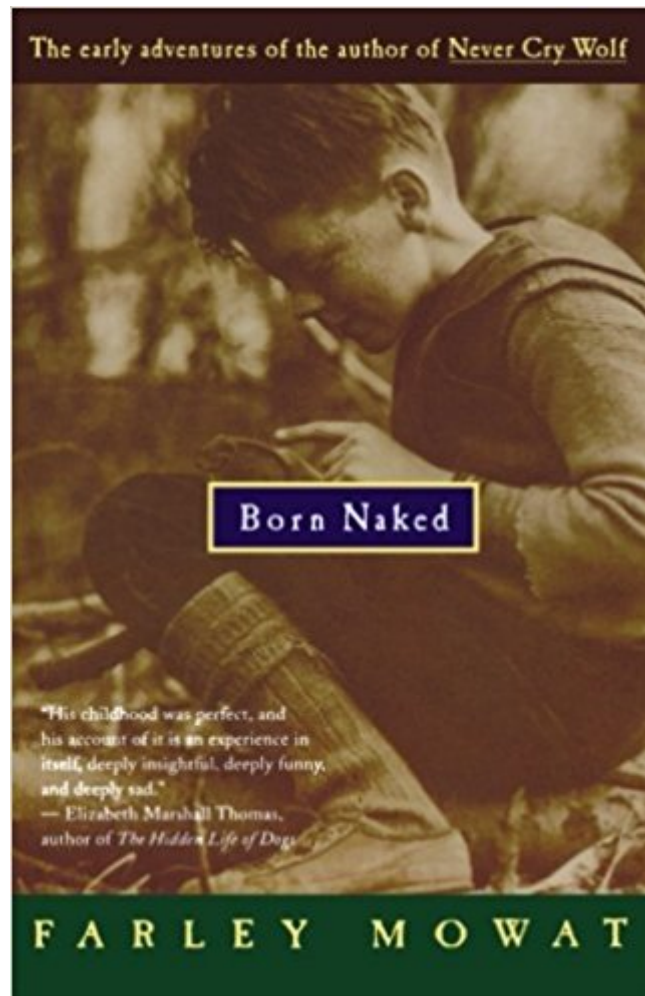




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# Born Naked: The Early Adventures Of The Author Of Never Cry Wolf



## Synopsis

Farley Mowat's youth was charmed and hilarious, and unbelievably free in its access to unspoiled nature through bird-banding expeditions and overnight outings in the dead of winter. The author writes of sleeping in haystacks for survival, and other adventures, with equal shares of Booth Tarkington and Jack London. He also brings back Mutt, the famous hero-dog of his classic *THE DOG WHO WOULDN'T BE*, and his pet owl Wol, hero of *OWLS IN THE FAMILY*. The tale of an outrageous and clever boy, *BORN NAKED* takes its place as the foundation of the Farley Mowat canon.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been a big fan of Farley Mowat's literary style since I first read *Never Cry Wolf* back in junior high school. Even as a 9th grade Earth Science teacher, I show the silver screen adaptation of this great novel. *Born Naked*, however, is of different 'stuff' than *Never Cry Wolf*. Here is a book written in a light, easy-to-read fashion that highlights his early years in this great world. We, the readers, are along for the ride when he travels to the Arctic on a research mission with his uncle, or when he makes his daily rounds to inspect the nests of local birds in Saskatchewan. This book is written in a truly entrancing style. I had a very difficult time putting it down. There are some questionable portions in it dealing with his discovery of his own sexuality, but they are far outweighed by the sense of awe and discovery he felt as a youngster. I would heartily recommend this book to anyone that enjoyed *Tom Sawyer*, *Huckleberry Finn*, or anyone that wants to experience the childhood they only dreamed about

I enjoy all of Mowat's books, but this one is particularly good. His style is conversational, his humor is biting. Clearly a man who does not suffer a fool lightly. Farley Mowat is a national gem. Buy the book...

If you've read Farley Mowat, you know him as a passionate defender of the beautiful "Others" with whom we share our planet. This book is a joy-filled description of his early life and formation as a nature-lover. We hear of the wild beauty of Canada, the Quixotic plans his father devised and his mother endured, and the daring adventures which will become the foundation for his later writings. Although a light-hearted story overall, Farley does not avoid the difficult times, including a powerful depiction of the effect of the Depression on the Canadian provinces. It is a love song to the strength of character and perseverance of our northern cousins, as well. When the book ends, the reader, like the writer, wonders if there will ever be such a wonderful time again. Sheer delight.

I was curious about this author after a Canadian friend was lamenting his passing. This book inspired me to dig deeper into Mowat's writing. I am looking forward to reading more. The book was interesting and entertaining. I didn't feel it was a real page turner which suits me as I like to read a bit before turning in and it was the perfect night time relaxing read.

Farley Mowat has been one of my favorite authors for many years. Now I get to read the Mowat books I missed on my Kindle. This autobiographical book about Mowat's childhood is a great read. It also gives some of Mowat's backstory so we can understand better how he came to write some of his later works.

I'm a big Mowat fan and read several of his books in a row. This is typical Mowat and gives us a view of his childhood and his interests that later developed in full bloom as an adult. A must read for Mowat fans.

Parental permission turned loose a lifelong passion for leaping at every opportunity to hunt down and write up Canada's nature before it was all gone. Mowat possessed natural abilities for writing his astute observations that led to 44 books selling over 25 million copies. His record speaks for itself. An excerpt from his book: Many of Saskatoon's so-called sportsmen seemed still to be in the grip of the killing frenzy which, within human memory, had led to the extermination of the buffalo

and the prairie wolf, together with the virtual extinction or massive decimation of dozens of other species of prairie animals.

The other reviews have been spot on, this is a page turner extraordinaire--delightful moments, amusing stories, amazing adventures in days of yore.

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