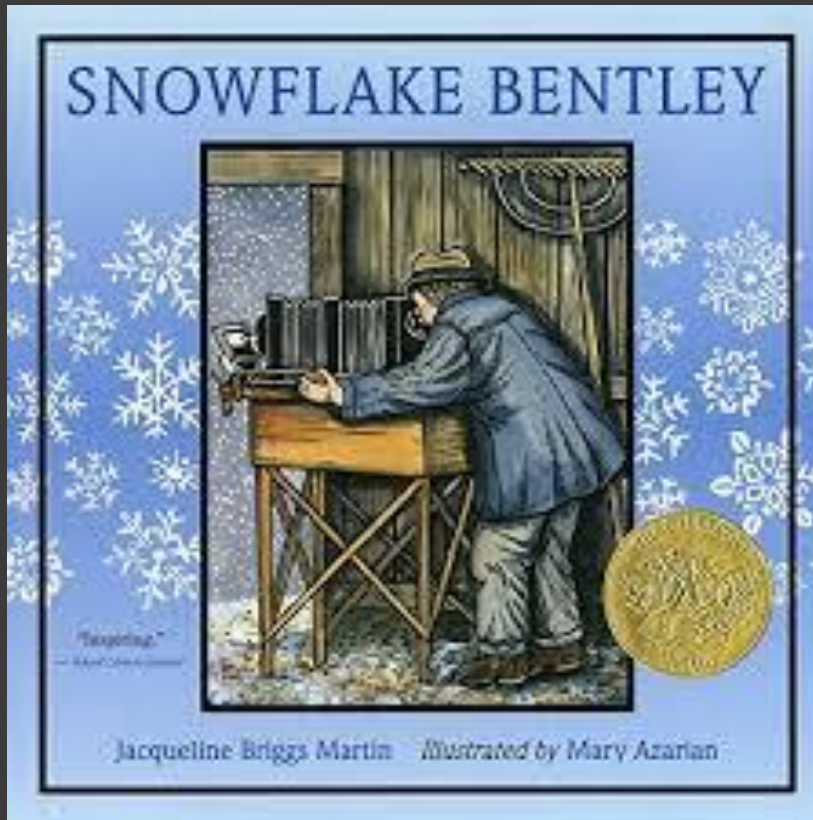


Reading Project

STEPHEN DAVENPORT II

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Summary



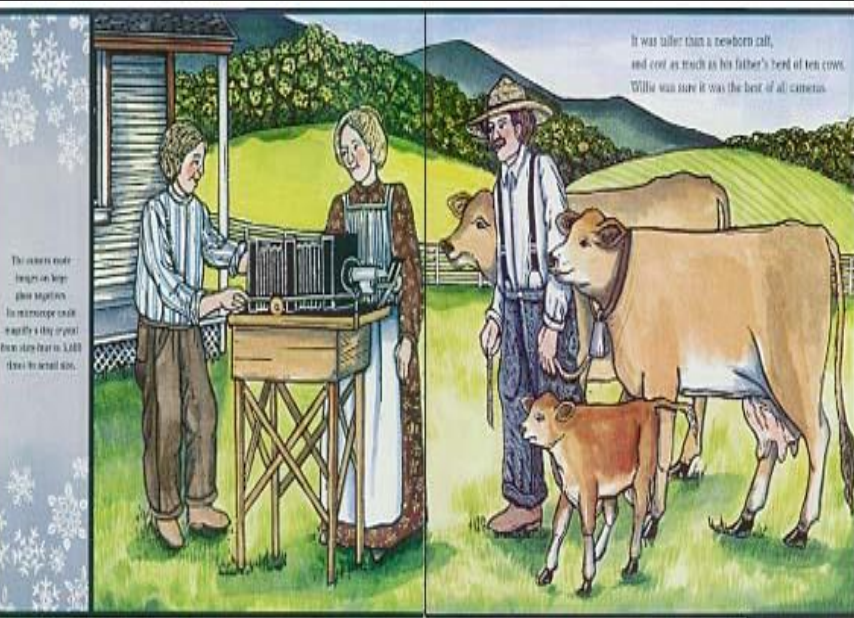
In, Vermont there lived a boy who loved snow more than anything else in the world and his name was Wilson (Willie) Bentley. He lived on a farm in Jericho, Vermont. He said snow was as beautiful as butterflies, or apple blossoms. He could share the apple blossoms and butterflies with his family but he can't share the snowflakes because they will melt too fast. One day his mother gave him an old microscope and Willie used it to study snowflakes. He put snowflakes under his microscope and tried to draw them but every time they would melt before he could finish. Willie asked his mother for a camera with its own microscope so he can take pictures of snowflakes. When Willie was seventeen his parents spent their savings and bought the camera. He thought it was the best camera but his first pictures were failures that winter.

Summary cont.



He didn't give up. The next winter, he tried a new experiment with his camera and figured out how to photograph snowflakes. During the best snowstorm of his life, he made over a hundred photographs. Willie said the photographs would be his gift to the world. Willie spent his life studying snowstorms. He held community slide shows of his pictures of snowflakes. Many colleges and universities bought slide copies of his snowflake crystals photographs. He wrote about snow and published his pictures in magazines. He became known as the snowflake man. At 66, he published a book with his best snowflake crystal photographs. Willie died less than a month later from pneumonia he contracted from walking in a blizzard to take more pictures.

Main characters



Willie or Wilson Bentley, Willie's Mother and Willie's Father

Setting



Farm in Jericho, Vermont

Conflict (problem)



The problem was trying to take pictures of Snowflakes with his camera.

Solution



He tried a new experiment with his camera and figured out how to photograph snowflakes.

Mood

It was inspiring

