



Gertie, the Darling Duck of WWII

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Inspired by a true story that brought light in a dark time, this picture book shows how even a spark of hope can make all the difference. In 1945, Gertie the duck built her nest on a precarious post in the Milwaukee River. The local fascination turned into an international sensation as people around the world found inspiration and encouragement in this plucky duck and her family as they survived against all odds. The colored pencil illustrations reflect a war-weary city's transformation as spirits rise.

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