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"I have faith that children will still feel the primeval pull of the forest and want to run their hands over the texture of that life, as rough as bark and as delightful in its detail." —*Guardian*

About the Author

Frederick Marryat (1792–1848) was a naval officer, novelist, and contemporary of Charles Dickens. He is best known for his novels *Mr. Midshipman Easy* and *Children of the New Forest*, and for inventing the Marryat system of naval signaling. **Michael Rosen** is a British children's novelist and poet, and the author of 140 books. He was the fifth British Children's Laureate from June 2007 to June 2009, and his books include *Quick Let's Get Out of Here*, *Wouldn't You Like to Know*, and *You Tell Me*.

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Set in seventeenth-century England during King Charles's deposition, this story features four orphaned children who are adopted by a forester. He has rescued them from the "Roundhead" troops who killed their Royalist father (loyal to King Charles). As the forester's adopted "grandchildren," the four Beverly children must adapt to rustic life, learning to cook, hunt, and sew. Narrator Glen McCready's details these activities with a quiet pleasure that is contagious. McCready's dignified British voice is well suited to this old-fashioned adventure story filled with the classic themes of resourcefulness, self-reliance, and courage. As McCready's narration skillfully illuminates the children's growing maturity and wisdom, the story becomes all the more satisfying. J.C.G. © AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine

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