

# Jen Funk Weber

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## Been There, Done That: Reading Animal Signs

Spotting wildlife is a thrill, but it's not easy. When Cole comes to visit his friend Helena, he can't wait to see all the wildlife the forest has to offer—and disappointed when all he sees are a few birds. Together the kids set out on a hike and encounter plenty of animal signs along the way. Through observation and her knowledge of animal behavior, Helena helps Cole learn what each of the signs means: something had been there; something had done that.

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Illustrated by Andrea Gabriel

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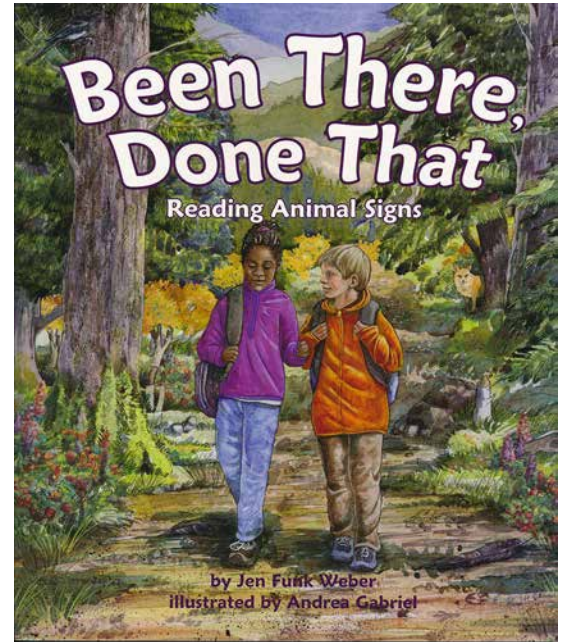
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## Author Bio

Jen Funk Weber began writing professionally while working as a winter caretaker for remote lodges in Alaska, often passing six months or more with no electricity, running water, or human neighbors. Jen has written numerous puzzle and activity books, including *Nancy Drew: Hollywood Head Scratchers*, *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, *Wild About Alaska: A Children's Puzzle Book*, *Wild About Sudoku*, and *Alaska's Puzzle Bears*. *Been There, Done That: Reading Animal Signs* is Jen's debut picture book.

Jen lives with her husband in a house they built overlooking the Matanuska Glacier in Alaska. They see their moose and bird neighbors often, their human and porcupine neighbors sometimes, and occasionally catch a glimpse of a coyote or lynx. Visit her website at [www.jenfunkweber.com](http://www.jenfunkweber.com).



*Jen Funk Weber and illustrations by Andrea Gabriel for Been There, Done That: Reading Animal Signs*

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