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2013 CLA Beatty Award for Barb Rosenstock's *The Camping Trip that Changed America*

San Mateo, CA, April 18, 2013 – *The Camping Trip that Changed America*, written by Barb Rosenstock and illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein, has been selected by the California Library Association (CLA) to receive its prestigious Beatty Award.

Rosenstock and Gerstein's masterful non-fiction picture book details what can be considered the most significant camping trip in conservation history. "The Father of National Parks," John Muir, took President Theodore Roosevelt on an excursion into the wilderness of the Yosemite Valley in 1903, which had a profound impact on President Roosevelt's advocacy for and love of national parks.

"CLA is delighted to be honoring this wonderful book which not only highlights a significant, little-known piece of California history, but also illustrates one of the many ways that California has had a dramatic and positive impact on the history of our nation," said CLA President, Derek Wolfgram.

Rosenstock and Gerstein will be honored at the Beatty Award Luncheon on Monday, November 4, 2013, in Long Beach during the CLA annual conference.

Barb Rosenstock (author) lives outside Chicago with her husband, sons and two big poodles. She loves true stories best. Caldecott Medal-winning **Mordicai Gerstein (illustrator)** lives in western Massachusetts with his wife and daughter.

The John & Patricia Beatty Award honors the author of a distinguished book for children or young adults that best promotes an awareness of California and its people.

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