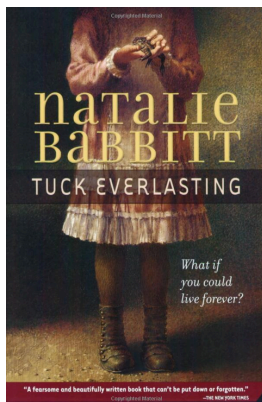


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# Tuck Everlasting

## by Natalie Babbitt



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

### What's It About?

What if you could live forever?

Is eternal life a blessing or a curse? That is what young Winnie Foster must decide when she discovers a spring on her family's property whose waters grant immortality. Members of the Tuck family, having drunk from the spring, tell Winnie of their experiences watching life go by and never growing older.

But then Winnie must decide whether or not to keep the Tucks' secret—and whether or not to join them on their never-ending journey.

Critically acclaimed when it was first published, Natalie Babbitt's *Tuck Everlasting* has become a much-loved, well-studied modern-day classic.

Now a major motion film available on streaming, featuring stars Alexis Bledel, Ben Kingsley, and Sissy Spacek!

### Who Wrote It?

Natalie described herself as a 'fairly average child, 'Very skinny, but fond of toasted-cheese sandwiches and anything chocolate.' She said her favorite books were the kind where "the stories which presented life as it really is: the dark and the light all messed up together, coexisting, with unanswerable questions remaining unanswered." She grew up in Massachusetts and later attended Smith College. Throughout her career she wrote and illustrated dozens of books. In 2012, Babbitt was awarded the inaugural E.B. White Award for achievement in children's literature by the American Academy of



Arts and Letters. Natalie passed away in 2016 and was best known for her award winning book *Tuck Everlasting*.

AR Reading Level: 5.0

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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