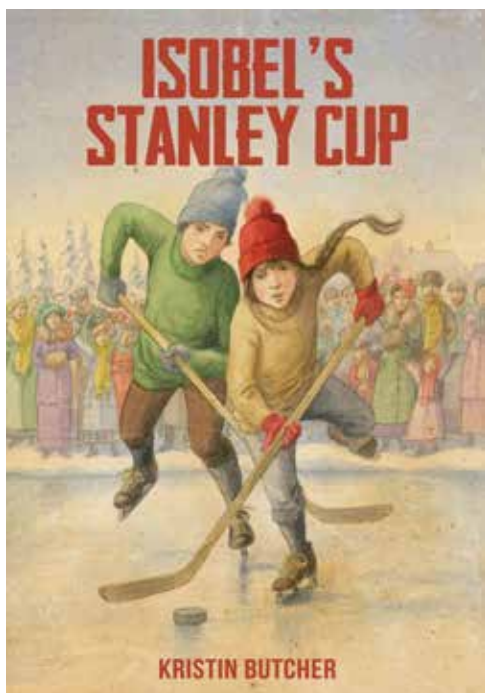




TEACHERS' GUIDE

Isobel's Stanley Cup by Kristin Butcher



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Hockey has always been a sport for girls

More than anything, Isobel Harkness wants to play hockey with her older brothers. But it's 1893, and a lot of people—including her father—think hockey is only for boys.

Ignoring her father's wishes, Isobel helps her brothers train for an upcoming game. And she begins to shine on the ice. When she meets Isobel Stanley, one of the first women to play hockey, young Isobel gets some great advice.

When Isobel has a chance to skate in a big game with the best of the boys in her neighbourhood, she has to find a way around her father's rules.

Inspired by true accounts of Isobel Stanley's role in the history of hockey, *Isobel's Stanley Cup* proves that hockey has always been a sport for girls.

"In less than a hundred pages, the author has created rounded, vivid characters who will captivate readers, even those who are not hockey fans." —CM Magazine, November 2018

Kristin Butcher has been writing books for children and young adults since 1997. Married to the Toronto Maple Leafs' biggest fan, Kristin started watching hockey in self-defence. Somewhere along the line she got hooked and is now often the first one to turn on the game. To learn more about Kristin's books, visit www.kristin-butcher.com.



Isobel's Stanley Cup Teachers' Guide

Dear Teacher,

We know you're busy, and we have put together this guide with that in mind. Any page can be printed out and given directly to students, so you have no extra work to do. The activities are easily adapted for individual exercises or group projects, and we've included options that cover various aspects of the curriculum. Our discussion questions are designed to work for a wide range of students, and the student portion of this guide uses a dyslexia-friendly font.

I hope you find this guide helpful, and I'd love to hear from you about how we could improve our resources for teachers. Feel free to send me a note at melanie@crwth.ca.

Best regards,

*Melanie Jeffs
Crwth Press*

Pre-reading Activities

1. Consider the cover and the title of the book.
 - What do you think the book is about?
 - What kind of story do you think this will be? Funny? adventurous?
 - When do you think the story takes place?
2. Imagine what life was like in 1893 where you live.
 - What kinds of things did neighbourhood children do for fun?

Connecting to the Text

Discussion Topics

In the beginning of the book Isobel is annoyed because she is expected to do housework while her brothers go out to play. Do you have to do chores at home? What kind of chores do you do?

Isobel's father tells her, "Some activities are meant for boys and some for girls." Do you think this is true? Why or why not?

In *Isobel's Stanley Cup*, the neighbourhood children play hockey in outdoor rinks. Do you play sports with your friends? Are you on an organized team, or do you play just for fun?

Young Isobel gets a chance to meet her hero, Isobel Stanley. She is so excited she can barely speak. Do you have a hero like that? What would you do if you got the chance to meet your hero?

What advice does Isobel Stanley give to Isobel Harkness? Do you think this is good advice?

Research Activity

Choose a sport, perhaps one you like to play or watch. Research the origins of the sport. How was it played in the beginning? When (if ever) did it become an Olympic sport? Are there leagues for men and women? Boys and girls?

Language Arts

Vocabulary

Isobel's Stanley Cup contains many words associated with sport and competition:

Tournament
Challenge
Goal
Hooking
Passing
Practise (verb)
Practice (noun)
Puck
Rink
Shooting
Stickhandle
Teammates

1. Write three sentences that each use two of these words.
2. Some of these words also have definitions that have nothing to do with sports. Find 2 of these words and create a sentence for each of them that has nothing to do with sports.

Creative Writing

Real world events are often the inspiration for novels and other works of art. Kristin Butcher was inspired to write *Isobel's Stanley Cup* when she learned about how Isobel Stanley, the daughter of Lord Stanley, played hockey.

Select an article about Women's Hockey from Hockey News, and turn it into a short story, play, poem or drawing.

Here is the link to Hockey News:

thehockeynews.com/tag/womens-hockey

Connecting to Our World

History

1. Isobel's story takes place in Ottawa in 1893, the year that the first Stanley Cup (then called the Dominion Cup) was awarded. What was the name of the winning team?
2. Isobel Stanley was the daughter of the Governor General of Canada. Research what the Governor General did in 1993 and compare it to the role of the Governor General today.
3. Read this article about the history of women's hockey:

[Women's Hockey: A Primer](http://www.thoughtco.com/womens-hockey-a-primer-2779484) by Jamie Fitzpatrick
(www.thoughtco.com/womens-hockey-a-primer-2779484)

When did the first ever women's hockey game take place? What happened in 1956? How do you think this affected the history of girls and hockey? If the same thing happened today, do you think the outcome might have been different?

Current Events

In Isobel's Stanley Cup, some of the players on the Seneca team play rough. The sport of hockey has often been criticized for the high number of player injuries. What are the most common types of injuries?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first meeting in Canada of the National Council of Women also took place in 1893? The meeting, which had 1500 attendees, was led by Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Earl of Aberdeen who served as the Governor General of Canada after Lord Stanley left the position.