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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

Stringbean Coe and his older brother Fred take a long trip from their home in Jeloway, Kans., to the Pacific Ocean, riding in Fred's ancient truck, which has a little house built on the back. And like most travelers, they take pictures and send postcards home to their parents. In an unusual scrapbook format, the Williamses integrate the Coes' memorabilia into a portrayal of their trip across the country. The first postcard, depicting Mr. Moe Junkologist of 100 Acres of Automotive Junk, includes the information that the boys didn't leave on time: they stopped to buy a hat and a spare tire. Next come photos Stringbean has taken and more postcards, all highlighting the trip: a visit to a mining town where their grandfather grew up, a circus packing up camp and, ultimately, the ocean. The choice of format, the illustrations full of winning details (the stamps alone invite closer inspection) and the convincingly childlike letters blend together and create an absorbing travelogue. All ages.

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From School Library Journal

Grade 1-4 This is Grandpa's album, made for the family, of the photos and daily postcards that Stringbean Coe and his big brother Fred sent home to the folks the summer they traveled from Kansas to the Pacific in Fred's truck. It's a journey of discovery, all right; String bean's comments reveal reactions to their experiences and subtle changes in attitude. Tributaries to the mainstream of the trip itself include flare-ups between the brothers; Stringbean's home sickness; a growing awareness of family history; a search for a clown with a missing shoe; and the appearance of Potato, the faithful dog who lit out from home to join Stringbean on the trip. Because of the skillfully-handled format, text and pictures don't just balance each other they depend on each other. It's a smooth collaboration, too, with the works of Williams senior and junior blending perfectly in style and spirit. The color postcards are full of affectionate and idiosyncratic detail, right down to the postage stamps. There are visual jokes that adults can enjoy, but never the kind that wink over the heads of children. The color work has that naive exuberance that Williams' fans have come to expect. This is a good-hearted celebration of life and experience, and a gift to the public. Karen Litton, Confederation Centre Public Library, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada

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