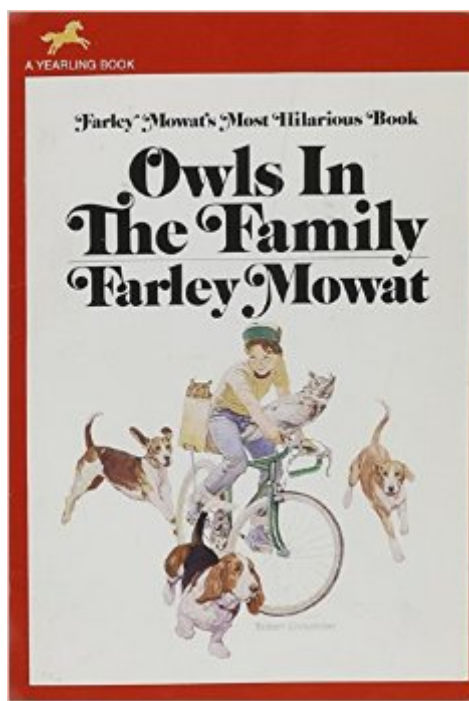


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# Owls In The Family



## Synopsis

The adventures of two owls who shake up an entire neighborhood and turn a house topsy-turvy.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

In this perhaps slightly fictionalized account originally published in 1961 in *The Atlantic Monthly*, the author, who apparently went by the name Billy when he was a boy, tells how he and his friend Bruce and their dogs Mutt and Rex, who live on the prairie in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, find an owls' nest with three baby owls in it while on a hike in the nearby bluffs. They determine to add owls to their collection of pets. At first, Mr. Mowat is against the idea because the boys already have enough pets, but when he realizes that the owls might eat Billy's rats, rabbits, and gophers, he decides that maybe owls wouldn't be so bad after all. Sometime later, after a bad storm, the boys, along with another friend named Murray, return to find the owl nest blown down and two of the now half-grown young owls dead. However, a third, probably the oldest, had survived in a pile of brush, so Billy adopts it and names it Wol. Shortly after that, he finds another owl that a couple of mean boys had captured and were tormenting. Buying the bird, he names it Weeps. The book tells how Wol brings dead skunks to the family for dinner and terrorizes Billy's French teacher, the postman, Ophelia the maid, and the minister, how Weeps never does learn how to fly and is afraid of everything except Mutt, and how the two birds shake up the whole neighborhood during the T. Eaton Department Store parade. But when Billy's dad gets a new job in Toronto and they can't take

the owls with them, what will Billy do? This book is a delightful tale that has practically nothing objectionable. A few euphemisms (heck, darn, and gee) occur. During his investigation of the owls' nest, Mr.

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