



"No self-respecting rabbit would go into the forest..."

That is what Papa Rabbit has said for all of Cottontip's life. Even so, a desperate search for a cure drives this young rabbit buck into the forest, where he is befriended by an exuberant young fox kit named May. It isn't long until their unlikely friendship turns their community upside-down.

When a pack of wolves with no respect for the natural order jeopardize everything Cottontip and May hold dear, they must rally their families and neighbors to stand together and preserve their home.

Set in the untamed wilds of pre-Columbian central Minnesota, "Beyond the Bramble Thicket" celebrates how the bonds of friendship, family, and community prevail over prejudice and fear.

### THE PERFECT READ FOR...

...anyone who loves animals (especially foxes, rabbits, and chickadees!) and untamed wilderness. Fans of "Wind in the Willows" and "Watership Down" will get lost in the vast wilds of 1300s central Minnesota, and the imagined animal cultures drawn from their real-life habits and lifestyles. Native ethnobotany, foraging, bushcraft, and even nods to Dakota culture and language are woven throughout, painting a vivid picture of life on the land before European contact.

## *Beyond the Bramble Thicket*

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