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Roger and Matthew

Michel Thériault Magali Ben, Illustrator Fitzhenry & Whiteside (Jan 1, 2021) Hardcover \$18.95 (24pp) 978-1-55455-484-3

Renowned singer-songwriter Michel Thériault channels his lyrical talent into this picture book about two childhood friends falling in love and growing old together, despite threats to their happiness. Earth tones blend with the ruby red of a bluebird's breast and the roof of the men's lakeside home in intimate watercolor illustrations, the sparse words placed organically within them. An ode to the quiet constancy of love, *Roger and Matthew* knocks on the doors of our hearts and invites conversations.

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