

Leacock Medal Submission - Book Synopsis

Originally written as weekly instalments to entertain the novelist and wildlife activist Graeme Gibson in his final year, *Raccoon* presents its animal heroes through their smart dialogues, turbulent romances, and comic mischief as they adapt to a changing Earth. One of them resembles Margaret Atwood, a bad poet. Another, Graeme himself, an artist leading a revolution. Some are current authors and political villains. And the whole panorama set in Peterborough, Ontario, resembles a James Cameron mock epic with wonder, joy and laughter taking the place of solemnity.