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From the author of *New York Times* #1 bestseller *The Kissing Hand*

**Chester Raccoon  
and the Acorn Full of Memories**  
Written by Audrey Penn  
Illustrated by Barbara L. Gibson

Chester and his friends celebrate the life  
of a friend who will not be returning to play

Chester Raccoon's good friend Skiddel Squirrel has had an accident and will not be returning – ever. Chester is very sad when his mother explains that he won't get to play with his friend anymore. To help Chester deal with his loss, Mrs. Raccoon suggests that he and his friends create their own memories of Skiddel, so that they will never forget him and will have good memories whenever they miss him. Chester, his brother Ronny, and all their friends come together at the pond, where they tell stories and combine their memories to create a touching celebration of their friend's life.

Many young children must face the loss of loved ones or the need to attend a funeral. In the tradition of Audrey Penn's enduring classic *The Kissing Hand* in dealing with sensitive issues, this sweet story will help children understand the positive purpose behind memorial services and how "making memories" can provide comfort when missing an absent loved one.

*Audrey Penn* is the author of *The New York Times* best-selling children's book *The Kissing Hand*, as well as many others including *Mystery at Blackbeard's Cove*, *Chester Raccoon and the Big Bad Bully*, *A Pocket Full of Kisses*, *Sassafras*, *Feathers and Fur*, *A.D.D. Not B.A.D.*, and *The Whistling Tree*. In addition to her writing, Audrey takes her educational program, The Writing Penn, into schools, libraries, and children's hospitals where she often shapes and refines her story ideas in partnership with kids. Ms. Penn and her husband live in Olney, Maryland, with their two dogs. To find out more about Audrey Penn and her books, visit [www.audreypenn.com](http://www.audreypenn.com).

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