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In a couple weeks, I get to visit the Adirondack region of New York State. (Can't wait!) On the way, we plan to stop at Niagara Falls. When I get there, I'll be thinking of a woman named Annie Edson Taylor, who in 1901, on her 63rd birthday, dared to cram herself into a wooden barrel and go over Niagara Falls! I had never heard of Taylor, but author/illustrator [Chris Van Allsburg](#) brings her back to life in **Queen of the Falls**, the fascinating tale of a determined ex-teacher who wanted to make her mark on the world. [Watch Van Allsburg talk about how he created this carefully crafted book](#) . Recommended for grades 1 and up.

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