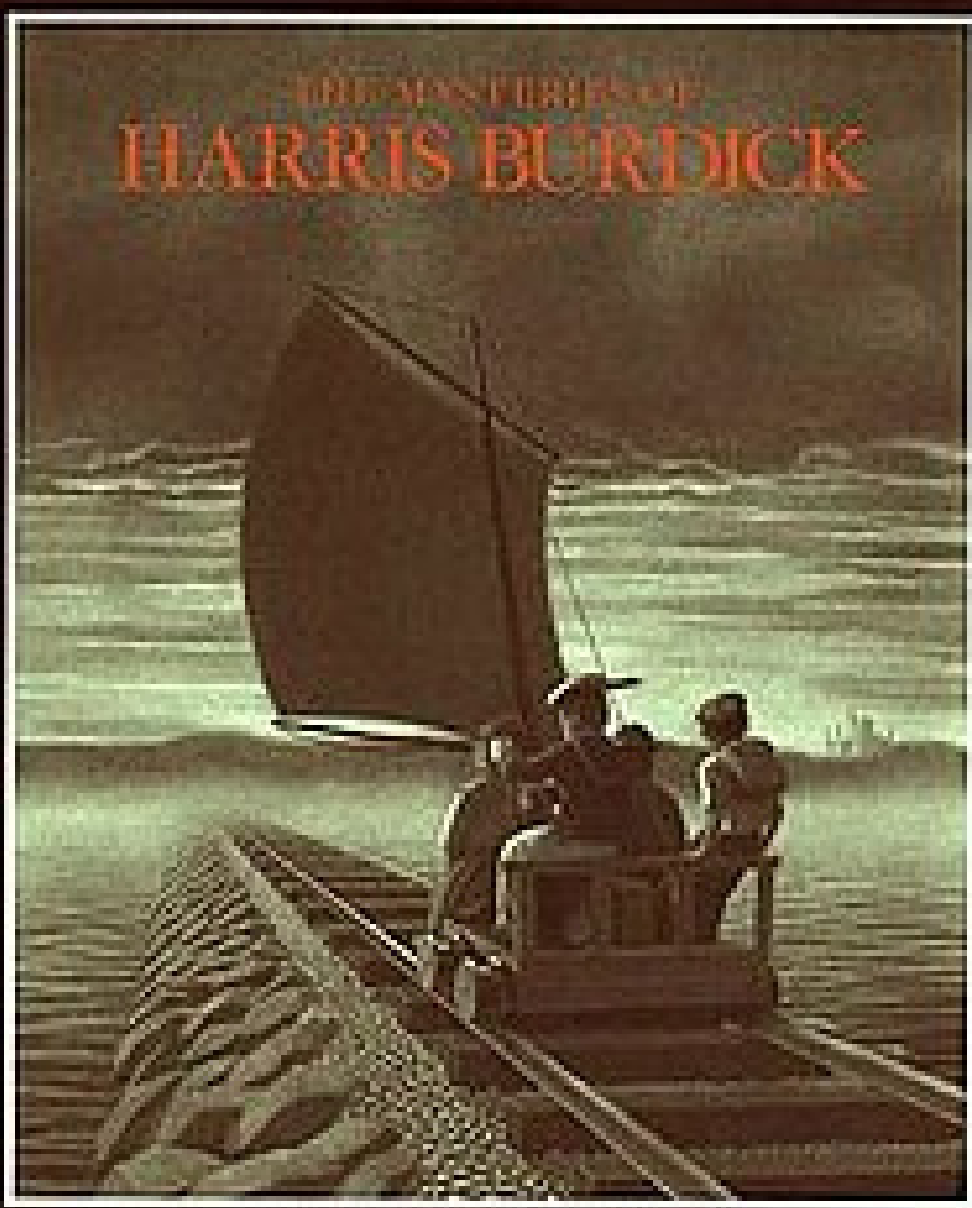


# THE MYSTERIES OF HARRIS BURDICK



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One day, a long time ago, a man walked into a book editor's office with a proposition. He told the book editor that in his hand he had 14 illustrations with titles and captions that belonged to 14 stories he had written. If the book editor liked what he saw, then the man would give the book editor the rest of what he had written. The man's name was Harris Burdick and he told the book editor he would return the next day. The book editor reviewed the odd drawings and sentences that didn't seem to make sense, but he was intrigued and was planning on buying the books. The next day, however, Burdick did not show up. The book editor tried and tried over the years to find this Harris Burdick, but it was as if the man completely disappeared. A long time after, author Chris Van Allsburg came across the weird illustrations and wanted to know more about them. He decided to recreate the illustrations and publish them with the one sentence captions in hopes of finding Burdick. That was 1984 and Harris Burdick has not shown up and probably never will.

But you can finish his stories!...



**Come to the White Cloud Community Library during the month of May to pick up a packet for The Mysteries Of Harris Burdick. Pick an illustration, write a story inspired by that illustration, and return it to the library!**

**For kids up to age 13!**

Each submission will be bound in a book that will be available for checkout at White Cloud Community Library!

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