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## Queen of the Falls

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Retirement isn't for everyone ? especially not sixty-two year old Annie Edson Taylor. Schoolteaching in the late 1800s was not a high paying job, and after retirement, Annie needed a way to earn some money so she could live out the rest of her days in comfort and happiness. She knew that stuntmen and daredevils often made good money from their bravado, and so she decided to become the first person ever to go over Niagara Falls? in a barrel. Chris Van Allsburg?s typical old-timey illustrations are a perfect pairing with this biography.

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