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CAPTAIN MAC—A FABULOUS CLASS/TEAM READ

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MAMLE Conference attendees will have a chance to meet Mary Morton Cowan, author of *Captain Mac: The Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer*, on Friday, October 18 at Point Lookout. Sit with her overlooking Penobscot Bay and chat about interesting ways to use this award winning biography in your social studies and science classes or as a class or team read. Do you have students who loved *Hatchet* and *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*? *Captain Mac* is another real-life adventure book you can recommend to them. Another cool aspect of this biography is that there are so many Maine connections—MacMillan lived in Freeport and went to Bowdoin, his boat was named the Bowdoin and was built in East Boothbay, and the Peary MacMillan Arctic Museum & Arctic Studies Center at Bowdoin College in Brunswick is named for him. In a time when there is growing emphasis on incorporating more informational text into the curriculum, connecting with Mary Morton Cowan to learn more about Donald MacMillan is an opportunity not to be missed.