

## International River Conservationist Mark Angelo releases illustrated children’s book about the power of one in *The Little Creek That Could*

The inspiring true story of a Canadian stream that came back to life.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Internationally-renowned river advocate and founder of World Rivers Day, Mark Angelo, has released his first illustrated children’s book intended to inspire and drive change among budding environmental enthusiasts.

*The Little Creek That Could* is inspired by the true story of how Angelo, as a young teacher, led the charge alongside students, teachers, and community members to restore a small urban creek – demonstrating to readers how the power of one can impact change.

“While the book tells the remarkable story of a single stream, its message about healing and restoring the environment is one that resonates with us all,” says Angelo. “While serving as a tribute to all those who have dedicated their lives to cleaning up damaged rivers, the book aims to raise awareness among children – and those influencing them – about the value of our local waterways. Simply put, healthy rivers and streams make our communities better and safer places to live.”

Beautifully illustrated by Ros Webb and timely and universal in its appeal, *The Little Creek That Could* tells the story of a young teacher whose passion for rivers dates back to his childhood. After discovering that a stream close to his school is polluted and lifeless, the teacher meets an elderly gentleman who explains how beautiful the creek once was and is inspired to return the creek to its original state. With the help of the community, including students and teachers, a major effort is launched to clean up the creek, eventually proving that nature can heal itself, if only given a chance.

Over the last fifty years and during his early years as a teacher, Angelo has led grassroots efforts to protect and revive waterways throughout British Columbia. Such efforts grew – as did Angelo’s vision – eventually culminating in World Rivers Day that sees millions gather every September to celebrate rivers across the globe.

An acclaimed river conservationist, speaker, teacher, writer, and paddler, Angelo is a Member of the Order of Canada for his efforts to protect and restore rivers around the world. He is the Chair and founder of both BC and World Rivers Day and served as the longtime head of the Fish and Wildlife Program at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) in Burnaby, British Columbia. Angelo continues to mentor young people and river conservation groups in BC and around the world. Further information on Angelo is available [here](#).

*The Little Creek That Could*, available in both special-edition hardcover and paperback, is now available for purchase through [Chapters Indigo](#), [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), or through the retail links at [thelittlecreekthatcould.com](http://thelittlecreekthatcould.com)

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