Leave It to Badger: Allan W. Eckert's *Incident at Hawk's Hill*

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**Abstract**

Kenneth Kidd's discussion of feral tales in the context of Allan W. Eckert's novel illustrates the complexities of feral tales and situates the ideas of human, Other, and nature within them. The veracity of the actual episode may be questioned but Eckert's story seems all the more realistic, it is suggested, because it operates within a specific established folkloric tradition, one in which science and mythology are entangled.

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In “Leave It to Badger: Allan W. Eckert's *Incident at Hawk's Hill*”, he says of the author's note, ”I have not been able to find anything else about the incident behind the fiction.”[4]. The Manitoba Historical Society magazine Manitoba Pageant in 1960 published an article entitled “The Boy Who Lived in a Badger Hole”.[5] The article details sufficient information from an 1873 reported incident of a lost boy found 10 days later living in a badger hole, to be the evidence Professor Kidd was unable to find. Disney has released two movie versions of *Incident at Hawk's Hill*. The first, called *The Boy who Talked to Badgers*, was telecast on *The Wonderful World of Disney* in 1975.[11] Disney later sold the film to schools under the book title.[12].