



A Place for Bats

by Melissa Stewart

A Place for Bats introduces young readers to ways human actions can affect bat populations and opens curious minds to a wide range of environmental issues. The clear, concise text and stunning, photo-like art provides an intriguing look at bats, at the ecosystems that support their survival, and at efforts to save them.

Maps on the endpapers show where each fish lives. The book includes specific conservation projects in **Kentucky, Missouri, and Indiana, California, Arizona, Texas, and Michigan** and wide ranging projects throughout North America.

Reading Aloud Tip

A Place for Bats includes two levels of text. When sharing the book to young children, read the large text at the top. Then you can fill in details from the sidebars as seems appropriate.

You could also choose to share just a few of the spreads in their entirety. For example, you could choose bats that live in your area or that you think will be especially interesting to your students.

The information about how bats fly at the beginning of the book and the food chain discussion at the end are part of most school curricula, so you may want to focus extra attention on these parts of the book.

Before You Read

Ask children to share some facts about bats and listen to their answers. Do the know:

- what bats eat
- where bats live
- how bats care for their young
- how we can help bats survive

After You Read

- Discuss all the different kinds of foods that bats eat.
- Discuss all the different places where bats live.
- Ask children if they can think of ways to help bats in your town or city.

Follow-up Activities

If time permits, students may want to do some of the Bat Activity Pages available on the author's website: www.melissa-stewart.com.