



Feathers: Not Just for Flying

by Melissa Stewart

About the Book

Feathers aren't just for flying. They can also protect a bird's skin like sunscreen, attract attention like fancy jewelry, or distract a predator like a bullfighter's cape. *Feathers: Not Just for Flying* introduces young readers to sixteen birds, from the sleek emperor penguin to the fluffed-up blue jay, and discover just how helpful feathers can be.

Read Aloud Tip

Feathers: Not Just for Flying features two kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, you may wish to read the large main text first. Then you can fill in details from the secondary text as seems appropriate. You may wish to re-read the main text before turning the page.

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

Before You Read

- Invite children to share what they think the book will be about.
- Ask them to describe a feather. Do other animals have feathers? Do all birds use their feathers to fly?

After You Read

Have students make a list of ways birds use their feathers. Ask them to draw a picture showing one use that surprises them.

Follow-up Activities

If time permits, students may want to do some of the Activity Pages for *Feathers: Not Just for Flying* available on the author's website: www.melissa-stewart.com.