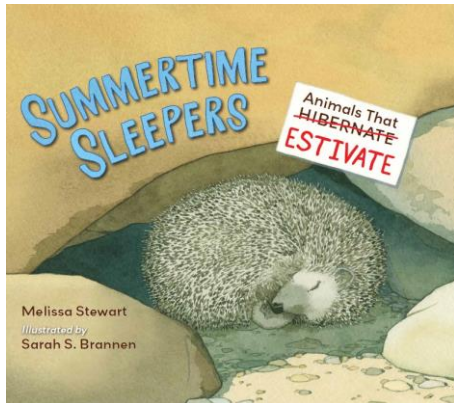




## *Summertime Sleepers: Animals that ~~Hibernate~~ Estivate*

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### **About the Book**

What do mourning cloak butterflies have in common with pixie frogs and yellow-bellied marmots? They all estivate, or sleep through summer. Everyone knows about hibernation, but this book offers young readers a lyrical look at its fascinating warm-weather counterpart. Discover how a variety of animals survive by taking a break during the hottest days of the year.

### **Reading to Young Children**

*Summertime Sleepers: Animals that ~~Hibernate~~ Estivate* features two kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, read the large main text first. Then you can discuss the main illustrations and sketches and fill in details from the secondary text as appropriate. You may wish to re-read the main text before turning the page.

### **Before You Read**

- Invite children to share what they think the book will be about.
- Ask the children what they think wild animals do on hot days. Have them consider a frog, a fish, and a salamander.
- Assign each child one of the animals mentioned in the book.

### **After You Read**

- Ask the children to identify the main idea of *Summertime Sleepers: Animals that ~~Hibernate~~ Estivate*. Work with them to make a list of details that support the main idea.
- Encourage each child to draw a picture showing what their animal does when the sun beats down. Allow time for children to explain their pictures to the rest of the group.