

Tree Hole Homes: Daytime Dens and Nighttime Nooks

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About the Book



Take a peek into the hidden world inside a tree in this charming nonfiction exploration of creatures that depend on trees for shelter, by day and by night. Whether tree holes are big or small, built by birds or created by wind or lightning, they house an astonishing assortment of wildlife, from black bears and tree frogs to crabs and bobcats. This inviting introduction to a woodland wonder is sure to delight curious kids.

Reading to Young Children

Tree Hole Homes features two kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, read the large main text first. Then you can discuss the illustrations 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 look at the cover and share what they think the book will be about.
- Ask why they think some wild animals live in trees. Have them consider a raccoon (shown on the cover) and a bird.
- Do the children think a frog or a lizard could live in a tree? What about a crab? Encourage your young audience to share their rationale.
- Assign each child one of the animals mentioned in the book.

After You Read

- Ask the children to identify the main idea of *Tree Hole Homes*. Work with them to make a list of details that support the main idea.
- Encourage each child to draw a picture that shows how their assigned animal uses its tree hole home. Allow time for children to explain their pictures to the rest of the group.