

# HUSH! A Thai Lullaby

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

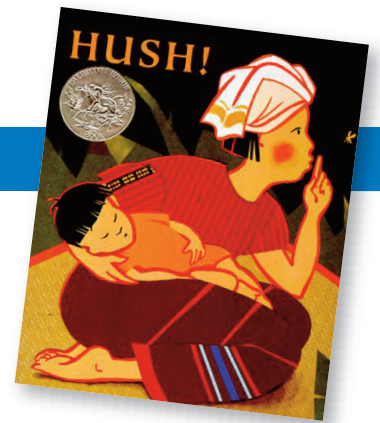
**Themes:** Poetry, Thailand, Bedtime Stories, Family Relationships

**Grade Level:** K to 2nd grade

**Book Brief:** A mother tries to help her baby sleep on a noisy night in Thailand.

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**Illustrator:**  
Holly Meade



## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Tell children that this story takes place in Thailand. Show Thailand on a map or globe. Thailand is in a tropical part of Asia. Ask children to look for signs of this type of environment in the pictures and story.

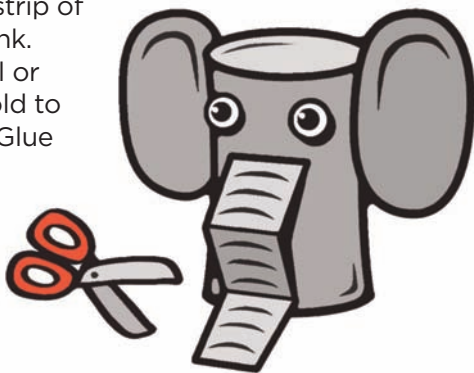
## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### ELEPHANT PENCIL HOLDER (AGES 6-12)

*Elephants are a traditional symbol in Thailand.*

Materials: empty soup can, construction paper, tacky glue, scissors, tape, wiggle eyes

1. Cut paper to fit can. Wrap around can and tape.
2. Cut out ovals for ears. Fold in 1/2 inch so ears stick out and glue onto can.
3. Cut out thin strip of paper for trunk. Roll on pencil or fold and unfold to make it curl. Glue on can.
4. Glue on eyes.



### RICE PICTURES (AGES 5-12)

*The staple food item in Thailand is rice. The Thai people eat it at almost every meal.*

Materials: large plastic baggies, rice, food coloring, rubbing alcohol, newspaper, glue, thick paper

1. Place 3 cups rice in baggie.
2. Mix 1/4 cup alcohol and food coloring. Pour into baggie and mix with rice.
3. Once colored, lay rice out on newspaper to dry. Repeat with different colors.
4. When dry, use rice to create pictures.
5. Draw design in pencil on thick paper. Place glue on part of design; cover with rice. Shake off extra. Repeat until picture is complete.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Peek! A Thai Hide and Seek* (2004), *Rice Without Rain* (1990), *The Stone Goddess* (2005).

### TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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