

What in the Wild?

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Animals, Habitats, Poetry

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

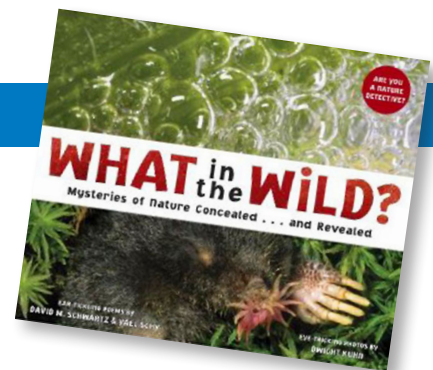
Book Brief: A mystery animal lurks behind each page. Use the accompanying poem to gather clues about what each animal might be!

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, build background: What does it mean to be a *detective*? What do detectives do in real life?

While reading, make predictions: Use the clues in the poems to guess the animal behind the flap. Were you right?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which clues were most helpful?
- ◆ Which animal surprised you the most?
- ◆ Have you ever seen any of these animals where you live? Have you seen any signs of them?



RELATED ACTIVITIES

MYSTERY MOSAIC

Materials: small scraps of colored paper, glue stick, white paper

Choose your favorite animal from the book. Use small pieces of colored paper to “draw” the animal. Glue onto paper. Use the leftover pieces of paper to create a mosaic scene around the animal or to *camouflage* your animal. Can others guess which animal you chose?

WORM TALES

Imagine that you and your best friend are worms! Make a comic strip or write a story about a typical day in your life as worms. Think about the fact that worms have no legs, arms, or eyes! Where do you go? Do you run into trouble? How do you escape? Share your story with your friend.

I SPY!

Go outside and see if you can spy any of the animals from the book. Look for clues mentioned in the book: holes in the sand, mounds of dirt, nests in a tree. Which animal do you think will be the easiest to find? Hardest? Why?

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Watch how one man has turned collecting owl pellets into a real job at dsc.discovery.com/tv-shows/dirty-jobs/videos/owl-vomit-collector.htm. Then, log on to www.kidwings.com/owlpellets to virtually dissect an owl pellet.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS IN THIS SERIES

Where in the Wild (2011),
Where Else in the Wild? (2009).



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