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"Fans will rejoice at the first sight of *A Nest Is Noisy*," promises *School Library Journal*, and they're right. From the award-winning creators of *An Egg Is Quiet*, *A Seed Is Sleepy*, *A Butterfly Is Patient*, *A Rock Is Lively*, and *A Beetle Is Shy* comes this gorgeous and informative look at the fascinating world of nests, from those of tiny bee hummingbirds to those of orangutans high in the rainforest canopy. Poetic in voice and elegant in design, this carefully researched book introduces children to a captivating array of nest facts and will spark the imaginations of children whether in a classroom reading circle or on a parent's lap.

A Nest Is Noisy Details

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Melki says

Spectacular illustrations highlight this look at nests - from wasps to prairie dogs to alligators.

I particularly liked the birds' nests.

From the smallest - a golf ball-sized bee hummingbird's nest - to the largest - the 36-foot mound built by the dusky scrubfowl.

My favorite was the close-up of a nest containing shoelaces, gum wrappers and a snake's skin. It reminds me of the one I found in the yard last year that was lined with my dog's shed fur. Those baby birds were swaddled in luxurious comfort! (Not to mention toasty warmth . . .)

Robin says

I love children's books where the adult can learn something along with the child. This series does not disappoint. In addition to the interesting text, it is full of beautiful and detailed illustrations that will captivate and educate readers in a visual way. Great as a picture book for young children or as an early elementary NF resource.

Lauren Waters says

I never knew one of the largest nests belongs to the dusky scrubfowl and can measure more than 36 feet. This book is filled with many facts that may go unnoticed and unknown. I learned more about how different animals create safe nests for their young.

winda says

Nest is noisy...
Buzzing,
swishing,
flapping,
and humming with babies...
but only until they are ready to fly, swim, or crawl away
Then the nest is quite..

Miss my nest sooooo much! I wonder how quite my nest now =(

I love this book, the children can learn different types of nest and how the animals live differently. It's amazing to learn from animals how built their comfy and safe home. Also the illustration is wonderful♥♥♥♥
Can't hardly wait to read other series of these books

KC says

This continuing series is absolutely delightful.

Kathryn says

A nest is noisy. It is a nursery of chirp-chirping...buzzing...squeaking...peep-peeping...bubbling...babies. I loved it.

Erik This Kid Reviews Books says

Why I liked this book- This is a great book for this time of year! First off the illustrations are something you could look at for hours. They are so detailed and informative. I really like that the book doesn't focus on bird's nests (which is what I thought it was going to be) but has ALL kinds of nests. Bees, alligators, platypus and more! The book is educational and entertaining. I can see teachers and parents using this book to talk about ecosystems and biodiversity.

NOTE I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Adrieth Bicchieri says

This picture book is filled with gorgeous art in the style of botanical drawings and lots of great information for curious young minds about different kinds of nests.

The content is a little bit wordy for storytime purposes, but I would love to share this book with a child in a one-on-one setting.

Joanna Norland says

A poetic, lovingly illustrated picture book that is full of fascinating information sure to be new to adult and young readers, alike.

Who knew that army ants form 'living nests' to protect their eggs, or that orangutans braid beds of branches up in the rainforest canopy? The detailed pictures and text will reward multiple re-readings. I especially appreciate Dianna Hutts Aston's sophisticated (but never verbose) writing, as there is plenty of new

vocabulary to discuss with young readers.

The hardcover edition is beautifully bound, and the large format is a pleasure. The earth-tone text and cursive headings compliment the illustrations sensitively. A perfect gift to welcome the spring.

My interview with Dianna Hutts Aston is posted at: www.mumswrite.com/?p=870

Hilary says

Beautiful book, really interesting facts and lovely illustrations. Ideal for children who are interested in the natural world.

Sunah Chung says

The book, *A Nest Is Noisy*, illustrates diverse nests in nature and its owners who lay eggs. The first thought in my mind when I looked at the book cover was that the book portrayed birds' nests since birds lay eggs. That is, my mind set was limited to the birds because they lay eggs and need to build nests. However, this book tells readers that some mammals also lay eggs, and they also construct nests as a place for eggs to hatch. Detailed descriptions of each animal also provide rich information to understand the shapes and locations of the nests. Beginning with the front endpapers, readers see a variety of nests and the back endpapers illustrate the animals of each nest. Meticulous Illustrations support readers' interpretations of the materials of the nests. This book does not provide resources of the described information nor a glossary of vocabulary.

One concern I have in reading this book is regarding the captions in the illustrations. The name of each animal is added in the illustration, but the place of the caption could cause confusion of the name of the animal. For instance, some captions are underneath a branch or a nest instead of the animal. Without arrow symbols indicating directions to pay attention or make a connections, readers who start to learn English or are not familiar with the name of birds may misinterpret the captions as the name of the nest.

Lisa Vegan says

I think I've now read all the books (to date) in this series. They are *An Egg Is Quiet* and *A Seed Is Sleepy* and *A Rock Is Lively* and *A Butterfly Is Patient*. I gave them all 5 stars. I liked *A Beetle Is Shy* a bit less but I still gave it 4 stars.

This one was a 5 star book for me. It follows the format of the other books. There are gorgeous pictures that can be enjoyed by all ages. There is a poem that runs the length of the book, and while there is advanced vocabulary I think it can be enjoyed by preschoolers. Then throughout the book there is information heavy text, for independent readers or reading aloud to 5-11 years old, and all the way up for all ages.

I'd expected this book to be about birds, but it's about all sorts of animals that have nests or use nests, including, honeybees, fox squirrels, the cactus wren, the ruby-throated hummingbird, the American alligator,

the elf owl, the African gray tree frog, the orangutan, the American flamingo, the army ant, the bluejay, the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, and several others.

I learned a lot. In fact, I knew little of the detailed information presented.

This is a gift worthy book, as are all the books in this series. The pictures are glorious and the information is interesting for anyone who is fascinated by nature. The illustrations and the text portions stand on their own and can both be enjoyed separately, but together they're magic. They're really special.

I'm hoping that there will be more books in this series. There is practically unlimited subject matter for future books, and I'm eager to read any and all that might be illustrated and written. What a talented illustrator and author team!!!

Julia says

This is one series that had my attention caught since of its descriptive title. Each book's title within the series gives the reader a chance to know what is being explored within the pages of the actual book while also providing the format of the book's writing, which is the "is ...".

Furthermore each book in the series can also be read in two different formats thus allowing the reading audience to be broadened out. If you have very young readers or those who cannot sit still long enough for a book whether it is since of too much information or just length than you can read the descriptive for each page while avoiding all the smaller more emphasized information that is given for the page. And for those who are interested or can keep their attention focused than the whole page can be read and explored.

The illustrations are bright and colorful but doesn't distract at all from the information provided. Instead each illustration is given in the right detail while the species name is provided so you aren't sitting there trying to figure out which one of the millions you are looking at. This same thought and consideration is included on the front and back pages where in the case of the former and the butterfly book you were given a chance to see the caterpillar than on the back pages were the evolved butterflies.

This was truly a great idea for writing a nonfiction novel that allows children a chance to explore such big subjects while without being too overwhelming.

Julie says

Nests do not just belong to birds, and this poetic celebration of nests does justice to the topic, including such unusual and interesting nest-users as platypus, ant, sea turtle, lamprey, frog, orangutan and alligator. Interesting facts are delivered in the most beautiful prose (but I did spot one typo!), and illustrations are lovely. Sure to keep any nature-loving youngster spellbound.

Sandra says

Did you know cave swiftlets make their nests using only their saliva?

And that lampreys make their nest underwater using pebbles as tiny as an almond and as big as a golf ball?
And that they carry the pebbles in their mouths?
Did you ever heard of a nest as big as 36 x 16 feet?
And what about the temperature of the nest determining the sex of the baby alligators?
This book is a perfect combination of science, animals and lovely illustrations. And when I say lovely, I mean it!

Age range: 6 to 12 years old.

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