

Where We Live Book List

Interdisciplinary Unit of Study

Foundational Texts

The Big Orange Sploit by Daniel Manus Pinkwater: When Mr. Plumbeans' house is splashed with bright orange paint, he decides a multi-colored house would be a nice change.

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle: Hermit crab seeks the perfect home.

Iggy Peck Architect by Andrea Beaty: Iggy has one passion- building. But when his teacher expresses her dislike Iggy is faced with a challenge.

*The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf by Mark Teague: The three little pigs with a zany twist!

Supporting Texts

The ABC Book of American Homes by Michael Shoulders: The only thing American homes all have in common is the shelter and comfort they provide.

ABC NYC by Joanne Dugan: An alphabet tour of New York City.

Animals at Home by David Lock: Text and pictures show how animals construct their homes.

*Animal Homes by Angela Wilkes: An introduction to the different places and spaces that animals choose to call home.

Annie and the Wild Animals by Jan Brett: Annie becomes lonely and sets out to find another animal friend after her beloved cat wanders away.

April's Kittens by Clare Turlay Newberry: Three new kittens are too many for a one-cat apartment, but Daddy finds a solution to the problem.

*Bear in a Square by Stella Blackstone: Share the adventures of Bear as he wanders through all sorts of familiar environments, discovering different shapes along his way.

Block City by Robert Louis Stevenson: A child creates a world of his own which has mountains and sea, a city and ships, all from toy blocks.

Building a House by Byron Barton: Brief text and illustrations describe the steps in building a house. *Corduroy by Don Freeman: A small teddy bear lives at a department store but longs to have another home.

Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building by Christy Hale: A collection of concrete poetry, illustrations, and photographs that shows how young children's constructions, created as they play, are reflected in notable works of architecture from around the world. Includes biographies of the architects, quotations, and sources.

*El Edificio by Jairo Buitrago: Señor Levin opens a clock and watch shop on the ground floor of an apartment building, and over the decades watches as the city changes and all but one of the tenants, Señora Blanca, move on.

*Found by Salina Yoon: Upon finding a toy rabbit in the forest, Bear tries his very best to return it to its home but by the time its owner appears, Bear has become attached to Bunn.

Fox's Garden by Princesse Camcam: One snowy night, a fox loses its way, entering a village. Chased away by the grown-ups, Fox takes shelter in a greenhouse. A little boy sees this from his window.

*Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown: Before going to sleep, a little rabbit says goodnight to his bedroom.

A Glorious Day by Amy Schwartz: Describes a day in the life of the children, animals, parents, and babysitters in a small red brick apartment building in a city.

Happy Cat by Steve Henry: Cat makes new animal friends as he climbs higher and higher in an apartment building.

Home Sweet Cave by Elizabeth Salzmänn: Introduces caves and describes the different types of animals that live in them, including vampire bats, olms, glowworms, and cave spiders.

Home Sweet Den by Elizabeth Salzmänn: Describes dens and the different types of animals that live in them, including bobcats, river otters, spotted hyenas, and weasels.

Home Sweet Nest by Elizabeth Salzmänn: Learn what a nest is and the various types that are used or built by animals. Large photographs are used to show the different animals that dwell in nests like bald eagles, storks, termites, masked weavers, alligators and more.

Home Sweet Tree by Elizabeth Salzmänn: Introduces readers to animals that live in trees, including the koala, toucan, and howler monkey, and explains how they make these habitats their homes.

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Home Sweet Web by Elizabeth Salzman: Introduces webs and describes the different types of spiders and insect larvae that create them, including garden spiders, black widows, tent caterpillars, and webworms.

A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman: Lists in rhyme the dwellings of various animals and things.

Houses and Homes by Ann Morris: A simple discussion of different kinds of houses and what makes them homes.

How a House is Built by Gail Gibbons: Describes how the surveyor, heavy machinery operators, carpenter crew, plumbers, and other workers build a house.

Following Papa's Song by Gianna Marino: Little whale and his father set off on a journey.

If I Built a House by Chris Van Dusen: Imaginative Jack describes the kind of house he would build--one with a racetrack, a flying room, and a gigantic slide.

I Have Two Homes by Marian De Smet: A young girl named Nina recounts her feelings about her parents' divorce and describes what it is like to live in two households.

The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allen Ahlberg: amusing correspondence from one fairy tale or Mother Goose character to another.

Little Elliot, Big City by Mike Curato: Elliott leads a quiet life even though he lives in the big bustling city. Max Found

Two Sticks by Brian J. Pinkney: It was a day when Max didn't feel like talking to anyone. He just sat on his front steps and watched the clouds gather in the sky.

*The Mitten by Jan Brett: When Nicki drops his mitten in the forest a host of animals move in.

My Very First Book of Animal Homes by Eric Carle: Upper and lower halves of divided pages can be turned separately, to match various animal homes with the domestic or wild animals that live in them.

The Napping House by Audrey Wood: There are too many people and animals napping in the bed.

Nest by Jorey Hurley: A simple depiction of a year in the life of a bird.

No Jumping on the Bed by Tedd Arnold: Walter lives near the top floor of a tall apartment building, where one night his habit of jumping on his bed leads to a tumultuous fall through floor after floor, collecting occupants all the way down.

One Was Johnny by Maurice Sendak: One was Johnny, but that's not all...

Over in the Meadow by Ezra Jack Keats: Over in the meadow in the sand and the sun lived an old mother turtle and her little turtle one.

Sky High by Germano Zullo: two competing neighbors begin embellishing their houses, only to find themselves caught up in a race to build the tallest, most decadent skyscraper.

*Stanley the Builder by William Bee: What a job for Stanley--he's building a house for his friend, Myrtle. He will need his digger and his bulldozer and his cement mixer. He will also need his friend, Charlie to help. But will they manage to build the whole house?

Two Homes by Claire Masurel: Alex has two homes, one with mommy and one with daddy.

The Village of Round and Square Houses by Ann Grifalconi: The village of Tos is like no other village in the world, for in this village the women live in round houses and the men live in square ones.

Welcome Home Bear by Il Sung Na: Tired of his own home, a bear goes exploring, visiting animals around the world in their various habitats.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen: Join the family as they try to find a bear.

Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold by Joyce Sidman: Learn about the secret lives of animals happening under the snow and how it buds to spring!

**Books with an asterisk are also available in languages other than English.*