

Read Along Guide

Extend the reading experience with these fun active reading prompts.

Count All the Animals

There are a lot of animals in this book! How many animals can you find?

All the Animal Sounds

Each time a new animal is introduced, make that animal's sound!

Seasonal Animals

- Pay attention as the seasons change in the book. Different seasons bring out different animals. Which animals does the author see in the Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter? What animals do you see where you live in each season?
- One animal stays constant in the book throughout the seasons. Can you figure out which one it is?

Use Your Senses

- The author says that the night is quiet until you listen. Close your eyes and listen to the world around you. What do you hear?
- The author also says that the smell of maple syrup reminds him of his Grandma Jane. What smells do you associate with your loved ones?



Animal Matching

Draw a line from each animal to its name!

Hummingbird

Crane

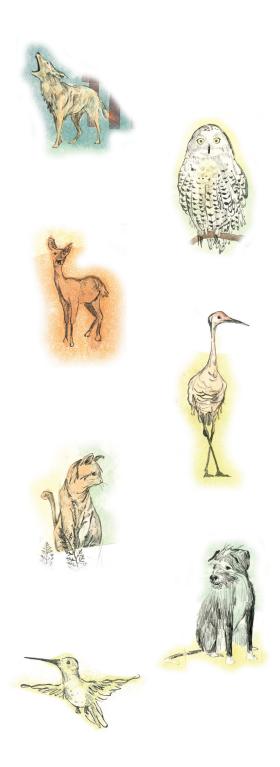
Dog

Cat

Coyote

Deer

Owl



Which Animal Are You?

The author says that if Grandma Jane were an animal, she would be a hummingbird. If you were an animal, what kind of animal would you be? Draw yourself as an animal in the space below.

Why did you choose this animal?	
Write your response in the space below.	

Make Your Own Observational Journal

The author uses all of his senses to observe the world around him. Make your own observation journal, and then observe your world. Focus on one sense at a time, and describe the world around you. What does it smell like? What can you hear when you close your eyes? Observe the world around you and write down what you notice in your observation journal.

Supplies Needed:

- (3) Sheets of paper
- Stapler and a grown up to help
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Directions:

- 1. Stack the sheets of paper on top of each other so all the edges match up.
- 2. Fold the sheets in half (hamburger fold).
- 3. Have a grown up help staple lengthwise along the fold.
- 4. Decorate the cover of your new journal

As you explore different places, use your senses to observe! Whether you are on a city bus or in an open field, there are new things to discover just by focusing on and using your senses.

Write down your observations in your journal. Draw pictures to help you remember certain things. This is how authors collect ideas for their books!

