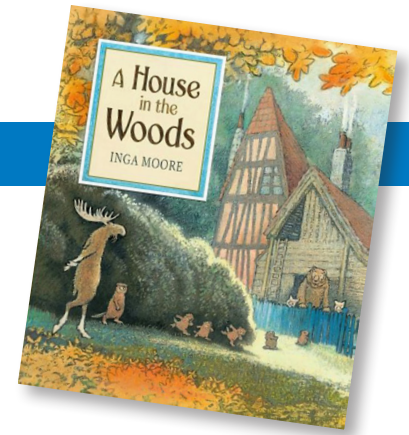


A House in the Woods



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Community, Habitats, Friendship

Book Brief: Two pigs go on a walk and come back to find that Bear and Moose have destroyed their houses! The four friends come up with a plan to build their own home with the help of a crew of beavers.

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TIME TO READ!

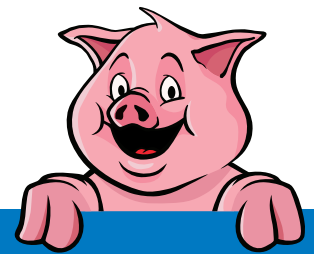


Before reading, make predictions: Do you think the animals on the cover are friends? Why or why not? What do you think will happen in the story based on the cover?

While reading, make connections: Do any of the characters remind you of other characters in other books you have read? Can you remember a time when you have worked together to solve a problem with friends?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why do you think the author chose to use animals as the characters in the book instead of people?
- ◆ What did you learn about working together from this story?
- ◆ Where do bears, moose, pigs, and beavers normally live?
- ◆ Would you have used different animals for this story? Why or why not?



RELATED ACTIVITIES

A HOUSE IN THE WOODS

What kind of shelter could you build in the woods or your backyard? Use whatever material you have—boxes, blankets, sticks, etc.—to make your own little space outside. What can you do to make your space feel like home? Make a welcome sign, draw a picture, or recycle items like the animals in the story.



A WALK IN THE WOODS

Take a nature walk with a friend or family member. What interesting items will you find on your walk? If you find a neat item that's not dirty, dangerous, or alive, bring it home and try to find another use for it. For example, a stick might become a door prop, a place to hang a hat, or part of a new wind chime!

A SNACK IN THE WOODS

Pack a yummy snack for your walk in the woods or to enjoy in your house in the woods! Will you pack the beavers' favorite peanut butter sandwiches, or will you pick your own favorite treat? Why do you think the beavers liked peanut butter so much?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Captain Cat (2013)
Six Dinner Sid (1993)
Six Dinner Sid: A Highland Adventure (2010)



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