



# Desert Baths

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## How do you stay clean without water?

Watch the vulture bask in the morning sun, the roadrunner kick up a cloud of dust, the javelina wallow, and the bobcat give her cub a licking with a rough tongue in *Desert Baths*. As the sun travels across the sky, learn how twelve different desert animals face the difficulties of staying clean in a dry and parched land. Explore the desert habitat through its animals and their habits of hygiene. Told in lyrical prose, this story is a celebration of the desert lands of the American Southwest. (Ages 4-8)



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## About the Author & Illustrator

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**Darcy Pattison** is published in eight languages. In addition to *Desert Baths* and *Prairie Storms* with Arbordale, other recent titles include *Wisdom: The Midway Albatross* and *11 Ways to Ruin a Photograph*. She also authored the ebook, *How to Write a Children's Book* and the teacher resource book, *Paper Lightning: Prewriting Activities to Spark Creativity and Help Students Write Effectively*. Darcy is the 2007 recipient of the Arkansas Governor's Arts Award, Individual Artist Award for her work in children's literature. As a writing teacher, Darcy is in demand nationwide to teach her Novel Revision Retreat. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Children's Program for the Arkansas Literary Festival. Visit her website at [www.darcypattison.com](http://www.darcypattison.com).

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A lifelong artist and lover of nature, **Kathleen Rietz** was drawing and painting before she learned to write her name. Originally from Peoria, IL, Kathleen received her formal training from the American Academy of Art in Chicago, IL. In addition to illustrating *Desert Baths*, *The Tree That Bear Climbed*, *Prairie Storms*, and *Champ's Story: Dogs Get Cancer Too!* for Arbordale, Kathleen's other books include *Conce Tu Parque*, *Little Black Ant on Park Street*, *The ABC's of Yoga for Kids*, and *Prayers for Children*. She taught art to children and adults at the Community School of the Arts at historic Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL, and through a local home school program in her community. For more information about Kathleen, visit her website: [www.kathleenrietz.com/](http://www.kathleenrietz.com/).



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