



ABOUT THE BOOK

After begging for a pet, a child's mother finally says "yes." But which animal will be the best pet? Using animal classification and habitat needs, the child narrows it down from Kingdom Animalia, through invertebrates to vertebrates. Reptiles and amphibians are out, and birds and fish are soon off the list. That leaves mammals, but which one? An elephant won't fit through the door, and a tiger would be too hard to walk. What's a child to do?

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Each Arbordale book pairs an exciting story with a For Creative Minds section of non-fiction informational text and activities. After selecting a new pet, children are able to engage in learning activities that include:

- Animal Classification
- Compare and Contrast the Animals

As a paired reading, cross curricular text *The Perfect Pet* fits perfectly into Common Core, Next Generation Science Standards and social studies lessons for grades K-3. Exact standards alignment and a 15-30 page teaching activities guide are available on Arbordalepublishing.com.

Classification Information

Understanding that reading level alignment is important for classroom implementation, *The Perfect Pet* has been assessed by the following organizations:

- Accelerated Reader: 3.1
- Flesch-Kincaid: 0.2
- Lexile®: 590L
- Fountas and Pinnell®: N

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile Fiction

- JUV002190- Animals / Pets
- JUV002000- Animals / General

This book has been vetted for accuracy by Hattie Frederick, former Interpretive Ranger at Acadia National Park, certified National Association for Interpretation informal science educator.

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Samantha Bell is both the author and the illustrator of *The Perfect Pet*. As a teacher, Samantha was looking for a way to help her children understand animal classification. Some of the other books that she has written or illustrated include *It's Birthday Time, Jake!*, *Shaping up the Year, As I Watch, Growing Up Dreams, Cinderfella and the Furry Godmother*, and *One Pelican at a Time*. Samantha is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. A native of sunny central Florida, she grew up in an area brimming with wildlife; and now lives in the upstate of South Carolina with her husband and four children where she's found plenty of room for the family's animal friends. Visit her website at samanthabellbooks.com



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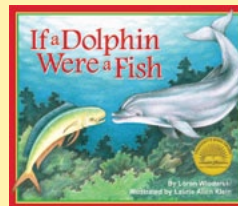


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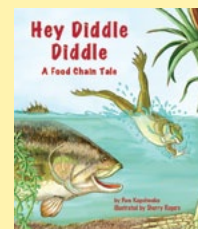
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