

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Along a stream a dam pops out of the water. Beavers are busy at work! These aquatic mammals have unique traits that aid them in building the perfect lodge to raise young beavers and keep predators away. Mary Holland's vibrant photographs document the beavers' activities through the course of a year. Do these beavers ever take a break? Follow along as they break through the winter ice to begin the busy year of eating bark, building dams and gathering food just in time for winter to come again.

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- Beaver Signs
- Beavers as Habitat Engineers
- Beaver Tails

As a nonfiction, cross-curricular text, *The Beaver's Busy Year* fits perfectly into Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards (animal adaptations) lessons for grades K-3. Exact standards alignment and a 15-30 page teaching activities guide are available on [Arbordalepublishing.com](http://Arbordalepublishing.com).

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Mary Holland is a naturalist, nature photographer, columnist, and award-winning author with a life-long passion for natural history. After graduating from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources, Mary worked as a naturalist at the Museum of the Hudson Highlands in New York state, directed the state-wide Environmental Learning for the Future program for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, worked as a resource naturalist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and designed and presented her own "Knee-High Nature Programs" for libraries and elementary schools throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. Her other children's books include *Ferdinand Fox's First Summer* (2014 NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Books, 2013, Moonbeam Broze winner) with Arbordale Publishing and *Milkweed Visitors*, (Science Books and Films' list for the best books of 2006 in the category Children's Books under Zoological Sciences). Mary's book *Naturally Curious: a Photographic Field Guide and Month-by-Month Journey Through the Fields, Woods and Marshes of New England* won the 2011 National Outdoor Book Award for the Nature Guidebook category. Mary lives in Vermont with her lab, Emma. Visit Mary's blog at [naturallycuriouswith maryholland.wordpress.com](http://naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com)



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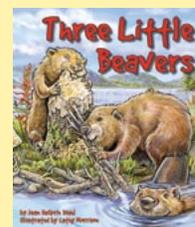
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