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Should she stay or should she go?

Red bats, like several other bat species, can either hibernate or migrate. Should this solitary little bat stay or should she go? That's the question the little red bat ponders as the leaves fall and the nights get colder! Some animals, such as the squirrel, tell her to stay.

But what about the dangerous creatures that hunt red bats in winter? The sparrow and others urge her to go. But where? Carole Gerber takes young readers on an educational journey through one bat's seasonal dilemma in ***Little Red Bat***. Imaginative illustrations by Christina Wald give little red bat charm and personality, and children will be waiting and wondering what will happen next. Will the little red bat stay put or migrate south for safety and warmth?



"Generating sympathy for a bat isn't always easy. Gerber pulls it off, though, thanks to some rewarding research and an engagingly repetitive structure...Wald gives each animal a realistic look, and adds frequent circular insets to give a close-up of the animals' features." - **Booklist**

Teachers and parents will love the "**For Creative Minds**" educational section, which includes the following educational activities:



- **Match the Bat Adaptations**
- **How Animals Deal with Seasonal Changes**
- **Red Bats and Seasonal Changes**
- **Bat Life Cycle Sequencing Activity**

There are also "**Related Websites**," "**Interactive Math, Reading, and Comprehension Quizzes**," and "**Teaching Activities**" on Arbordale Publishing's website, <http://www.ArbordalePublishing.com>, to help parents and educators extend the learning possibilities! Thanks to Laura Seckbach Finn, Director of <http://www.FlyByNightInc.org>: The Bat Specialists, for verifying the accuracy of the information in the book.

About the Author/Illustrator



Carole Gerber has written over a hundred science and reading textbooks, a multicultural folktale series, several adult nonfiction books, two chapter books, and 14 picture books. Her recent picture book, *Winter Trees*, was selected as a 2009 Outstanding Trade Book by the National Science Teachers' Association and the Children's Book Council. Other awards: NSTA and Cooperative Children's Book Center commendations for *Leaf Jumpers*, a CCBC commendation for *Blizzard*, and a Parent Council Award of Excellence for *Hush! A Gaelic Lullaby*. Carole is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and participates as an Artist in Schools through the Greater Columbus, Ohio, Arts Council. She is frequently invited to schools as a visiting author. She and her husband, Mark, have been married for more than 30 years. They are the parents of two grown daughters, Paige and Jess, and two grandchildren, Sara and Tyler. For more information, visit her website at <http://www.carolegerber.com/>. (Author photo credit: Carolyn Meiners.)

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