

## ABOUT THE BOOK

In beautifully detailed photographs, Mary Holland captures the first few months of a baby barred owl's life. The huge eyes and fluffy feathers will steal the hearts of readers as they learn how barred owl parents ready their young owlets for the big world outside the nest. Follow along as Otis learns to eat, fights with his sister, and prepares for flight.

*"Holland, a naturalist and a skilled nature photographer, offers a visually captivating picture book on owls."  
- Booklist*

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- Owl Pellets
- Which of These Does an Owl Eat?
- Owl Anatomy

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This book has been vetted for accuracy by Margaret Fowle, Conservation Biologist with Audubon Vermont, and Sandy Beck, Education Director at the St. Francis Wildlife Association.

### *Classification Information*

*Otis the Owl* will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

- Accelerated Reader: 3.9
- Lexile: 870
- Fountas and Pinnell: O

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- JNF003030 - Animals / Birds
- JNF051050 - Science & Nature / Biology

For educators, Arbordale has aligned this book to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core and all individual state standards this information is free and available on the book page, too!

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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 with Arbordale include *Ferdinand Fox's First Summer* (NSTA / CBC Most Outstanding Science Trade Book and Moonbeam Children's Book Award), *The Beavers' Busy Year*, *Animal Eyes*, *Animal Legs*, and *Animal Mouths* (NSTA / CBC Most Outstanding Science Trade Book). 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 [naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com](http://naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com).

*"Nature photographer Mary Holland's breathtaking images capture the fierce beauty found in birds of prey, and candid commentary educates and enlightens while engaging audiences with questions, quizzes, and creative thinking."*

- Foreword Reviews



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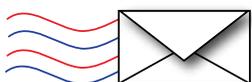
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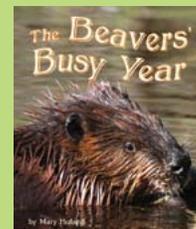
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SUMMER

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world around him during the first few months of his life. He's about a month old when he first comes out of the den. Watch as he learns to hunt through play and by using his senses. See the changes as he grows from a young kit to a young fox. After all, by the next summer, he'll have kits of his own!



THE BEAVER'S  
BUSY YEAR

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. Do these beavers ever take a break? Follow along as they pop 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.