

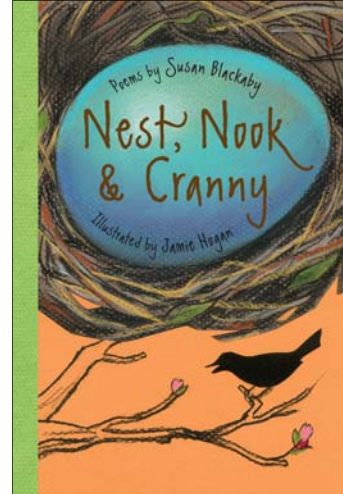


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A poet visits many homes.

Travel from the desert to the wetlands, from the grasslands to the sea, and everywhere in between with poet Susan Blackaby to discover through poetry the many different homes and habitats in which animals of North America live. A villanelle describes the cozy home of the beaver, rhyming couplets highlight a day in the life of a mole, a Burmese form of poetry called a than-bauk takes us to a bat's lair, and more. Where and how animals make their homes is explained beautifully in this collection of poems.

Back matter goes into further detail about the habitats highlighted. A section on writing poetry explores the many different kinds of poetry Ms. Blackaby used in the book, how they are formed, and how she played with language to paint word pictures of the habitats explored.

Jamie Hogan's expressive line art perfectly complements this clever collection.

Susan Blackaby is the author of Rembrandt's Hat (Houghton Mifflin), named a Top Ten Picture Book of the Year by the Washington Post, as well as many leveled readers for the educational market. She shares her habitat with geese, beavers, herons, and coyotes in Portland, Oregon.

Jamie Hogan graduated from Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in illustration. A teacher and freelance artist, she illustrated Rickshaw Girl, a Jane Addams Peace Award Honor Book. Jamie's habitat is an island off the coast of Maine. Visit her at www.jamiehogan.com.

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