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One Small Square: Woods



Synopsis

The woods are full of puzzles to be solved, clues to be found. Inspired by this book's hints and fun-filled experiments and activities, and using only simple equipment, young readers unlock the closely guarded secrets of the woods— from the strange meetings of lazy butterflies, to the miraculous "walking" of a twig, to the riddle of why the leaves turn color and fall. One small square at a time, these "detectives" plunge deeper and deeper into ancient mysteries— without ever getting lost. Beautifully illustrated, Woods offers a picture field guide, a glossary-index, and a resource list.

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Customer Reviews

"Bound to excite would-be scientists and browsers alike."— ALA Booklist "The woods are lovely, dark, and deep," wrote the poet Robert Frost. The woods are still alive with mysteries waiting to be solved, with clues ready to be brought to light. What causes the leaves to fall? Why does the chirpy chipmunk need so many nuts? How can a "twig" walk? Or a deer "freeze"? With a little detective work and some simple equipment, you can begin to uncover the secret life of the woods, plunging deeper and deeper— without getting lost— one small square at a time. Woods is just one of the exciting vibrantly illustrated volumes in the critically acclaimed One Small

Square series of science and nature books for children ages 6-9. Each book includes: Stunning full-color illustrations of each habitat and its creatures Motivating experiments and activities, along with clear, diagrammed instructions and safety tips A picture field guide to the habitat A glossary-index and resource list One Small Square— an eye-opening series— puts the whole world in perspective for children, one small square at a time. Each book is a thrilling, up-close encounter with mammals, insects, plants, birds, fish, amphibians, bacteria, and the ecosystems in which they live. "Science education at its best."— Science Books and Films

Donald M. Silver is the author of more than 40 science books for children and teachers alike. In addition to the award-winning One Small Square series, he has written The Animal World, Why Save the Rain Forest?, Extinction Is Forever, and The Dinosaur Activity Book— all illustrated by Patricia J. Wynne. Patricia J. Wynne's illustrations have also appeared in Scientific American, Natural History, and the New York Times as well as in the highly praised books Hungry, Hungry Sharks, and The Human Body.

Had so much fun with this!!

Full of activities for your young ones to help in appreciating the environment in which they live as well as packed with information your average adult may not even have known or had long forgotten. Can't recommend this series highly enough! Only wish they had similar ones which explained political, religious and social processes of the world! No, really, that would be quite excellent.

Met all my expectations. Thank you.

Highly recommended for 'nature deficit' children. Stunningly beautiful illustrations. I recommend all of the books in this series.

What a gem! I was surprised when I discovered this book. The gist of the book is for the child (or adult) to mark off a square space in the woods and begin exploring and learning. This book is a real integration of activities, suggested observations, and fact. The learner is to explore, dig, look, observe and investigate every inch of this square area. While suggesting the learner look for this or that, the author provides factual information about various findings. The book goes into a lot of detail and there are many things that the author thinks may be found. I bet that the learner won't find

everything that is mentioned but that is OK, at least the reader can experience it in reading about it in the book if it is missed "in real life". The book starts off in autumn, assuming the learner begins in the fall and in an area of deciduous trees. A small sampling of what is addressed in this book is why trees lose their leaves, how trees store energy and make energy, examples of camouflage with animals, migration of birds and butterflies, insects, spiders and their webs, lizards and mammals big and small. As the book progresses winter then spring then summer is discussed. The illustrations are drawn and in color (just like the cover), these are not photographs. There are loads of details in the drawings. At the back is an illustrated guide to creatures grouped by their classification (leaves, mammals, fungi) and an index. The learner is encouraged to do creative projects such as leaf and trunk rubbings. Also keeping a nature journal or notebook to record the findings is recommended. I am surprised that so much information and creative ideas packed into this small and very inexpensive book. This is one in a series of "one small square" books and I plan to buy more to use in our homeschooling adventure. Now this is science!

Fun way to introduce biomes to little ones with delightful projects to enhance learning.

We are home schoolers and my wife had been hearing about this series of books. We ordered two of them and they are fantastic. They are laid out so well and the art and writing are extremely good. They are a great learning tool. I recommend them highly.

This book is very versatile in its use. This book can be used as a stand alone book or one that can be taken out into the field and used as the book was intended. It, also, has great details on how to go about creating your square, safety issues, and what you might discover. For such a small book, it covered all of the seasons. I think all kids should be drawing as much as possible and this book will suggest that kids draw what they find. It doesn't try to be a field guide, but it shows many living things in outline. This can be very helpful especially out in field when you don't want to try to carry 4 or 5 books with you. All in all, I think this book would be a great book for any kid that wants to learn more about the outdoors, whether from their chair or outside.

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