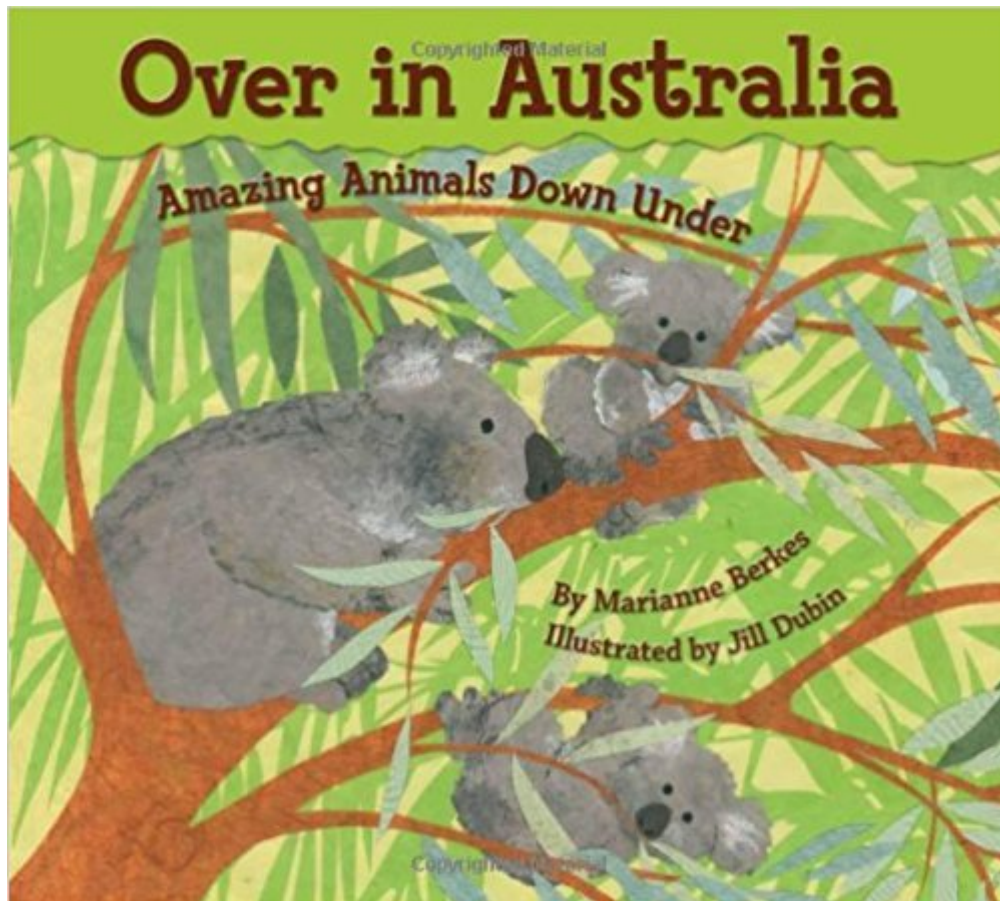




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Over In Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under



Synopsis

In the Down Under continent, baby wallabies learn to hop, brolgas learn to dance, and emus learn to zig-zag and children will want to hop, dance, and zig-zag right along with the amazing animals of Australia. As with all of Marianne Berkes award-winning Over books, children will also want to sing, clap and count to the rhyme of Over in the Meadow as they learn about wallabies, koalas, wombats, and more. What an easy, fun way to learn about these endearing, unique Australian animals! Jill Dubin's cut-paper illustrations add to the fun.

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Animals

Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

Berkes continues her series of wildlife books based on the popular tune Over in the Meadow with this work highlighting Australian animals & habitats . . . Brightly patterned and richly textured collage illustrations depict creatures in scenes that reflect their natural surroundings. Readers will greatly enjoy singing the tune as they learn about each animal. Extensive backmatter provides more information about Australian wildlife, including animals hidden on every double-page spread that readers are encouraged to go back and find. . . --Kirkus Reviews (Feb. 2011) With a fluid text and lively illustrations, this picture book introduces 10 Australian animals: saltwater crocodiles, wallabies, koalas, platypuses, rainbow lorikeets, wombats, sugar gliders, brolgas, bilbies, and emus.

Many writers have used the structure, rhythm, and rhyme scheme of the traditional rhyme Over in the Meadow as a vehicle for similar topics, but few have adapted it as successfully as Berkes. Varied effects of painted, printed, and textured elements enhance Dubins vibrant collages of cut and torn papers. . . . A great choice for classroom units on Australia. --American Library Assn. Booklist (March 2011)

I liked this combination of a counting book, learning about Australian animals book, and finding hidden animals book. The hidden animals essentially double the number of Australian animals included in the book to twenty. I did find it odd that none of the animals included were the kangaroo, but a wallaby is close enough I suppose. My only complaints are that some of the hidden animals were not clear enough to see... and some of the colors even on the main animals were not distinct enough from the background colors. The book just needed more color contrast on some pages. On some pages, all the babies have their tongues out at the same time which is a bit too much.

Lots of enjoyment. Great lyrics, illustrations.

AUSSIE-AWESOME! OVER IN AUSTRALIA is yet another perfect book from Marianne Berkes! This colorful book is full of facts and fun. I just purchased it for my niece who goes to a school that is decorated with Australian animals, so I know she is going to love it. Her mom will probably be fighting her for it though because she just loves Australia. This book is perfect for people who love Australia and all the creatures of that country. It is fun to read with the rhyming verses and counting, and it is also very informative and factual. I may have to add multiple copies of this one to my collection of Marianne Berkes books that I use to teach Title 1 Reading classes. I already use Over in the Ocean, Over in the Jungle, and Over in the Arctic. I heard there's a new one coming out called Over in the Forest soon! All of Marianne Berkes' books are colorful, entertaining, informative and loved by the children (and adults) who read them! I have never had students get so excited about reading until I started using these wonderful and amazing books written by Marianne Berkes.

Cute book!

Because of the many learning activities included, this will be a valuable book for a few years. My grandson is 2 1/2 now, but seems like this will be appropriate until age 6 at least.

I was expecting the animals to be more life like.

I just love how they organized this book so practically and hit all the important points without putting in too much detail.

my parents are living in Australia for 2 years on business so I have purchased Australia books for my 2 girls- now 5 and almost 3. Purchased this last year and they've loved it ever since! I read it in my daughters preschool class last year and all the kids enjoyed it!

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