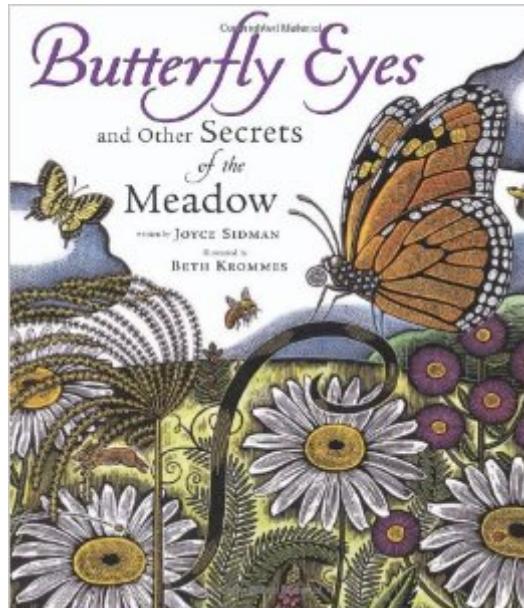


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# Butterfly Eyes And Other Secrets Of The Meadow



## **Synopsis**

Discover the hidden world of the meadow in this unique combination of poetry riddles and science wisdom. Beginning with the rising sun and ending with twilight, this book takes us on a tour through the fields, encouraging us to watch for a nest of rabbits, a foamy spittlebug, a leaping grasshopper, bright milkweed, a quick fox, and a cruising hawk.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I don't mean to jump the gun here, but if we happen to be in need of a future Children's Poet Laureate once Mr. Prelutsky concedes the throne, I would like to nominate one Ms. Joyce Sidman for the honor. I can't really consider myself to be any kind of expert on the form, mind you. Poems seem nice enough, but they very rarely wow me. If something rhymes that's cool, but I'm a lackadaisical poetry lover at best. It really takes something with a bit of punch to wake me out of my anti-poetic malaise, and that something (more often than not) is Ms. Sidman. Her acquisition of a much coveted Caldecott Honor for, "Songs of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems", may have struck some as out of left field, but for anyone familiar with her work there could be no surprise. Now she's followed up that hit with yet another. Taking the purportedly incompatible notions of science and verse, Ms. Sidman weaves the two together so seamlessly that the reader is

left completely unaware of the fact that this poetry book is (gasp, shudder) TEACHING them something. Not for the faint of heart, to say the least. Sixteen poems describe the multitude of meadow denizens that stake a claim in that particular kind of land. Each poem describes a creature, though it's up to the reader to guess that animal/plant/insect's identity. Two pages of poetry showing a hint of the thing being described lead into two more pages of factual information. For example, you might read that, "We tumble / we twitter / we dip / float / and flitter", but when you turn the page you'll find information telling you how goldfinches (the answer) are "extremely social birds, flocking together not only during migration but also all year long." Some poems are funny, some are mysterious, and most leave you ah-hankerin' for more.

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