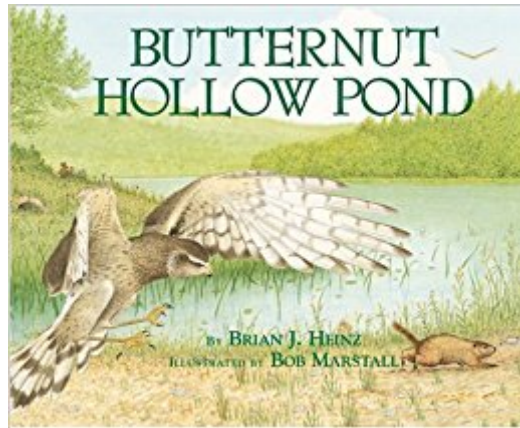




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Butternut Hollow Pond (Millbrook Picture Books)



Synopsis

In the course of a full day at Butternut Hollow Pond, readers will meet water striders, snapping turtles, herons, woodchucks, and other animals that live in the pond. As each one is introduced, readers will learn how that creature fits into the habitat's food chain, proving that a peaceful day at Butternut Hollow Pond is actually full of action and adventure for the many animals who live there.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 1-3-Heinz explores the life in a pond from dawn to dusk. Turtles nip at mallard ducklings, hawks hunt woodchucks, and herons eat pumpkinseed fish. The cycle of life is evident. The informative, matter-of-fact narrative descriptions are almost scientific, as are the pictures, done in watercolor. The individual animals are illustrated with great attention to detail, and the close-ups of many of them are excellent. The pastel landscapes help soften the book, and are more impressionistic. The quiet text and appropriately serene or active artwork pair up to present a realistic look at this habitat.-JoAnn Jonas, Carlsbad City Library, San Diego, CA
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Gr. 2-4, younger for reading aloud. It's daybreak at Butternut Hollow Pond. It looks peaceful, but

there is much going on. Bluegills dart out to feed on insects; a dragonfly snaps up mosquitoes, and then is snapped up himself by a tree swallow. At midmorning, five mallard ducklings narrowly escape the powerful jaws of a snapping turtle; a woodchuck also has luck on his side, when he scampers into his burrow just ahead of a marsh hawk. Sunset finds a largemouth bass on the end of a hook as a young boy reels him in from his canoe. Nighttime is the busiest of all; bats and nighthawks feast on bugs, crayfish search for night crawlers, and raccoons look for crayfish. Two concepts are beautifully demonstrated in this picture book for older readers: the hunter invariably becomes the hunted, and all living things are players in a complex cycle of interdependence that is much more than a simple food chain. Heinz fills this nature drama with action and sensory-loaded language that pulls children in as no science textbook can, and Marstall's realistic watercolor illustrations offer a lovely window to observe the diverse ecosystem. An excellent resource for the science curriculum. Lauren Peterson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I loved the pictures in this book! However, this is definitely not a book for a child younger than 6 years of age. Its about the life around the pond and the cycle of life, along with the food chain. Great book for teaching children about the food chain and my children were fascinated by the book. The pictures are done in water color, the text is very educational. Great for our homeschooling family!

Heinz, Brian J., author. Marstall, Bob, illustrator. Butter Nut Hollow Pond (2000).An Informational Science Picture Book.Telling the cycle of life through pictures and words, Butter Nut Hollow Pond, informs readers about ecological study. It details the life of turtles, hawks, woodchucks, and pumpkinseed fish. Using humans to unveil the story in a peaceful setting, it is filled with drama throughout, enticing youngsters into the story.The author has been an elementary school science teacher for twenty-three years (author page, unnumbered). He accurately gives information on his topic, engaging readers as he writes. The information is accurate and the wording is easy for young students to understand. For example:As the bass circles back, kerploosh! Something hits the water above him and dangling legs seem to struggle and twitch. The bass strikes as another meal. But not this time. The object is hard. It pulls violently at the fish's jaw and is dragged forward. Moments later, a young boy hauls him in on rod and reel (pages, unnumbered).Reading or listening to the words, young minds are given easy instruction on the circle of life as well as how the human aspect enters in.

I bought this book as a read aloud for my students to learn about the food web. They loved it! The illustrations are beautiful and it is very detailed.

Helpful to introduce students to food chains.

My almost 7 yr old really, really enjoyed this book. He loved the pictures and he understood the words. It is just a beautiful book. I hope to see more books by this author.

When teaching science lessons on food webs or food chains, this would be an excellent addition to the lesson. The story of how each animal depends on other to survive is well told and beautifully illustrated. I especially liked the panorama view of the pond when you open the book's cover and back. *Butternut Hollow Pond* (Millbrook Picture Books)

Frank yet soft, this gripping recounting of a day's worth of predators chasing prey is a great way for young children to learn about the food chain. As recommended on my children's book recommendation site Books for Children ([...])

Although the facts presented here are nonfiction, the plot reads like fiction, blending an ecological study of a pond's life with descriptions of different animals' lives. Bob Marshall's realistic wildlife illustrations enhance the day's journey on *Butternut Hollow Pond*.

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