



Monthly Booklist

May 2008

Picture books for young children
about different kinds of houses.

Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting, illus. by Ronald Himler. (1991) Ages 5-9

A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal to avoid notice, finds hope when a trapped bird finally flies to freedom.

The Great Blue House by Kate Banks, illus. by Georg Hallensleben. (2005) Ages 4-8

A summer home in the country awaits the return of the children and pets who make it lively. The subtle changes and signs of life over the winter.

Homes Around the World by Bobbie Kalman. (1994) Ages 4-8

The many types of homes in the world are explained and pictured with the kids who live in them.

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle. (1987) Ages 3-8

Hermit Crab learns to see moving from shell to shell as an opportunity, not a chore.

Houses and Homes by Ann Morris, photographs by Ken Heyman. (1992) Ages 3-8

Through simple text and photographs taken in a wide range of countries and regions, shows how different shelters makes sense in terms of available materials, lifestyle, and cultural values.

I See a Kookaburra! Discovering Animal Habitats Around the World by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. (2005) Ages 4-8

For each of six habitats, animals are hidden in a collage and then identified and described. A map of the habitats and additional facts about each species appear in the back for in-depth study.

A New House for Mouse by Petr Horacek. (2004) Ages 3-7

A mouse sets off to find a house big enough for the apple she has found. After asking animals about their houses (and nibbling away) all day long, she finds the apple fits into her old house.

Old Henry by Joan W. Blos, illus. by Stephen Gammell. (1987) Ages 4-8

The neighbors aren't too happy about Henry and his beat-up old house that he doesn't want to repair, but once he leaves, they realize that miss his odd presence.

Town Mouse, Country Mouse by Jan Brett. (1994) Ages 4-8

In this familiar fable, mice from town trade houses with mice from the country. As each pair struggles with their new surroundings, they decide they're better off at home.

We Were Tired of Living in a House by Liesel M. Skorpen, illus. by Joe Cepeda. (1999) Ages 3-7

A cumulative tale about siblings who try different kinds of shelters (a tree, a pond, a cave) and finally return to their house with the treasures they've picked up along the way.

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