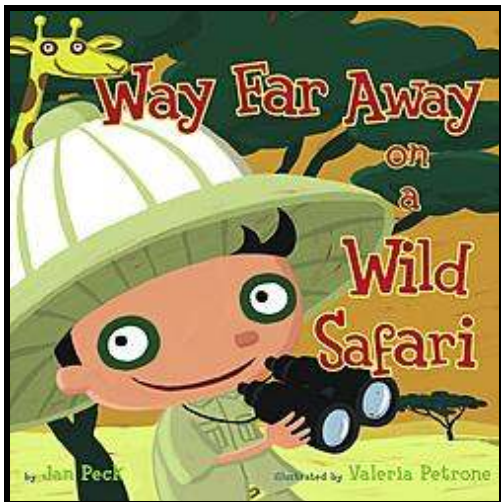
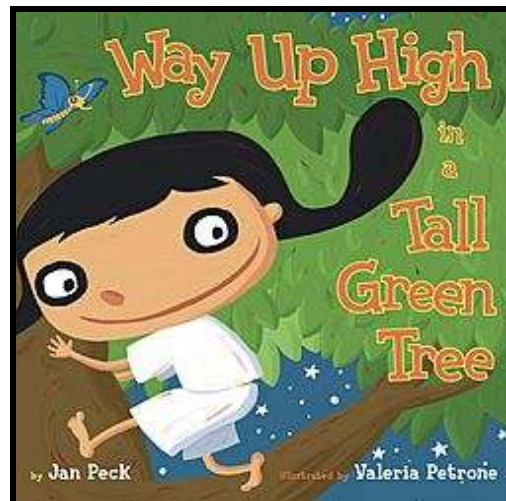


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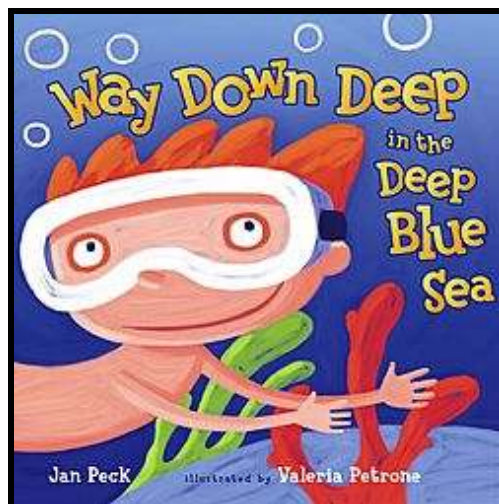
Way Out Series



Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, ISBN: 1416900721.



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Award-winning Children's Book Writer

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PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

Show pictures of different environments: Ocean, Rainforest and African Savannah. Ask students what kinds of animals live in each environment. Have students draw pictures of the animals in each environment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ♦ What some of the differences in the animals?
- What are some of the similarities between the animals?
- What are some other environments that these books do not show? Such as deserts or swamps.
- Where could these others be in your imagination. Desert could be a sandbox. Swamp could be a mudpuddle.

Praise for Jan Peck's Way Out series:

Books for the youngest scientists!

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers sells these books in USA, Australia, England, and Japan.

Way Up High in a Tall Green Tree is on the PBS Teacher Resource Recommended Science Book List.

Also see <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/prek2/theme/index.shtm>.

PBS is the broadcast network of Sesame Street etc.

Featured in Time Magazine for Kids, April 2006 Issue.

Way Up High in a Tall Green Tree nominated for the 2005-2006 Golden Spur Award for Texas Authors - Children's Literature division of Texas State Reading Association.

A finalist for The Institute of Texas Letters and Friends of the Austin Public Library Award for Best Children's Book of 2005.

Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea has been sold again to another publisher in Korea.

Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea will be out in paperback and audio in May 2006 from Scholastic Book Clubs.

Included on Nick Jr.com: Blue's Book Club List

Classroom Activities:

1. **Creative Writing**—Brainstorm a place that the class might “visit.” When the class has decided on a destination, discuss the many things that might be encountered along the way. List words and descriptors for each thing. With predictability and rhyming, let each student write and illustrate their own page to include in the class book.

2. **Science**—This book is excellent for introducing different creatures to young children. The children can take turns acting like the different animals. Read the book aloud and have a group of children act out the action of each of the creatures as you get to that page. Provide old nature magazines for the children to look through to find additional examples of life. Post the pictures on the bulletin board to make a classroom “aquarium”, “rainforest”, or “African savannah”.

3. **Phonological Awareness**—There are many rhyming words in this book. In order to increase phonological awareness, as a class prepare a Rhyming Ladder with all of the rhyming words in the story. To start, pick one word from the text and write it onto a sentence strip. Reread the story and have the children point out all of the rhyming words that match that particular word. Write these words on sentence strips and tape them to the original word in a ladder format. Throughout the remainder of the month, if a student points out another word that rhymes, add it to the Rhyming Ladder.

Web sites for more information:

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/index.htm>

<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/directory/Biology.htm>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/>



About the Author

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