ABOUT THE BOOK

How do some young animals know what to do and how to do it? Does someone teach a caterpillar what to eat? Who gives a baby shark swimming lessons? Sometimes young animals learn things from their parents, but other times… they just know! Explore animal instincts through engaging text and fanciful illustrations.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

For Creative Minds

The animals in **They Just Know** use instincts to find their way in the world, use your instincts in the following For Creative Minds activities:

- Instinct versus Learned Behavior
- Young and their Parents
- Life Cycles: Metamorphosis

In addition to these activities, Arbordale provides a comprehensive teaching guide with many pages of activities on Arbordalepublishing.com.

You should *just know* that we care about the facts in this book and it has been vetted by Dr. Carrie Kappel, conservation biologist and former youth educator at the Teton Science Schools.

Classification Information

Animal lovers of all ages will fall for **They Just Know**, but when choosing a book for young readers use the following reading level assessments as a guide.
- Accelerated Reader: TBD
- Lexile: 870
- Fountas and Pinnell: O

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile nonfiction
- JNF003000- Animals General
- JNF003220 - Animals / Animal Welfare
- JNF051050- Science & Nature / Biology

Educators, alignment to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core, and all state standards can be found on the **They Just Know** web page.

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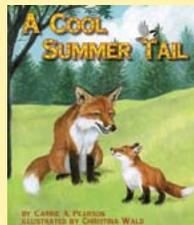
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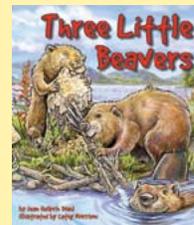
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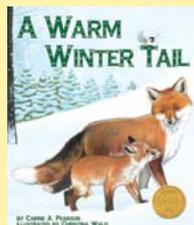
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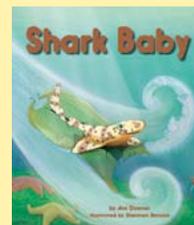
SHARK BABY

When Shark Baby's egg case tears loose in a storm, he travels ocean habitats to learn what kind of shark he is.