

ABOUT THE BOOK

Jojo is prepping for an exciting night; it's time for the bat count! Bats have always been a welcome presence during the summers in the family barn. But over the years, the numbers have dwindled as many bats in the area caught white-nose syndrome. Jojo and her family count the bats and send the numbers to scientists who study bats, to see if the bat population can recover. On a summer evening, the family quietly makes their way to the lawn to watch the sky and count the visitors to their farm.

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For Creative Minds

Go batty with these fun facts and activities in the book's For Creative Minds Section. Topics include:

- Bat Bodies
- White-Nose Syndrome
- Citizen Science

The learning doesn't end in the For Creative Minds section; an extensive teaching activities guide is also available on Arbordalepublishing.com.

This book has been vetted by Katie Gillies, Director of the Imperiled Species Program at Bat Conservation International, and Catherine J. Hibbard, White-Nose Syndrome Communications Leader with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Classification Information

Bat Count will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

- Accelerated Reader: 3.5
- Lexile: 730
- Fountas and Pinnell: M

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile Fiction

- JUV002360 - Animals / Nocturnal
- JUV013000 - Family / General
- JUV029000 - Nature & the Natural World / General

For educators, Arbordale has aligned this book to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core and all individual state standards this information is free and available on the book page, too!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Anna Forrester is an amateur naturalist who finds inspiration for her writing in the quirks and curiosities she encounters in the natural world. When she isn't writing or reading or messing around outdoors, she creates gardens and other green play spaces for city kids. *Bat Count: A Citizen Science Story* is Anna's debut picture book, and was inspired by counts she does with family and friends every summer at a farm in Pennsylvania. She loves biking, paddling, and making things—from soups to bug hotels to giant paper snowflakes. Visit Anna's website at annaforrester.com.

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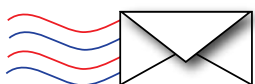
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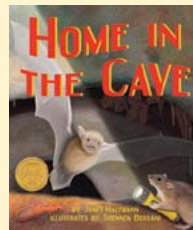


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MOONLIGHT CRAB
COUNT

Leena, and her mom, hop in the boat for a night of citizen science counting horseshoe crabs. Learn valuable facts as they survey these ancient animals.



HOME IN THE CAVE

Baby Bat and Pluribus Packrat explore their cave and meet animals without eyes or colors. Baby Bat learns how important bats are to the cave habitat.



LITTLE RED BAT

The seasons turn cold, and little red bat doesn't know what to do. Should she stay or should she go? Find out in this tale of a young red bat's first winter.