

# DEEP IN THE FOREST

“Deep in the forest you might see animals living happily!”

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Ages: 0 to 4 years

Pages: 12

Themes: Animal and color identification; rhyming; counting.

Whether you live in an area where there are trees or woods, you can have an adventure with your child while reading this book. Pages 1 and 2 are perfect examples of talking about the bright colors of the leaves....pink, orange and gold. Identify the animals as raccoons and count them with your child....1....2. Maybe you've seen a raccoon on the road or in your grove of trees. If not, watch for one the next time you're driving or on a walk. Each animal and bird in the book can be found in South Dakota so your chances of seeing them when you're out are good!

While you're out on your nature walk in your neighborhood, gather a few interesting things along the way. Talk about the things that you see, such as leaves, small sticks, a little acorn, tiny stones or feathers. Take a small bag along to collect some of these treasures and make a nature hanging when you get back to the house. Use a small stick with masking tape and string to display some of the objects. It's a fun project and your child can learn to appreciate the beautiful things around them every day.