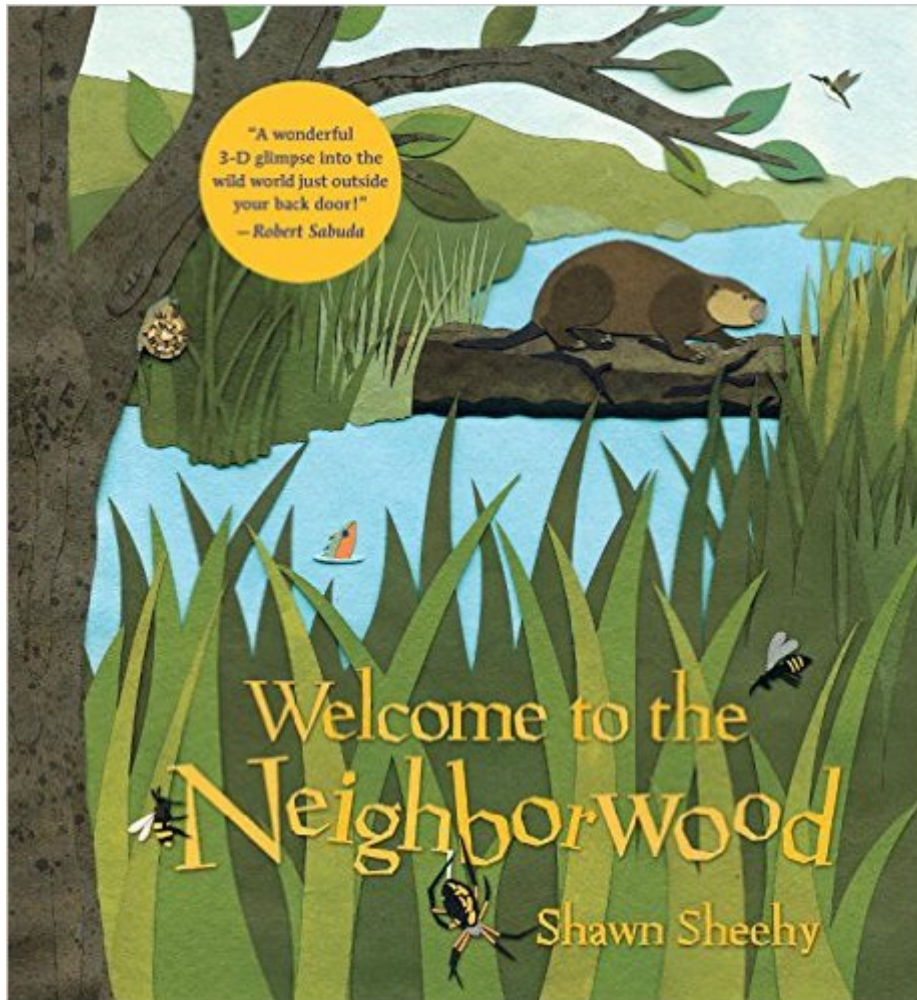


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# Welcome To The Neighborwood



## Synopsis

In this stunning pop-up book, meet seven animal builders and see how their unique skills help them survive and to live together in harmony in the neighborhood. At the edge of the forest a spider spins her web, while nearby, a hummingbird uses strands of spider silk to build her nest. These are just two of the many animals who live side by side, sharing the resources they need to construct homes, traps, or places to store food. From award-winning artist Shawn Sheehy comes an up-close look at the architectural masterpieces of the animal world, featuring an array of beautiful, lifelike pop-ups originally crafted with handmade paper. The earthy exploration culminates in a breathtaking final spread showing all the neighborhood creatures together.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I had looked forward to receiving this and it arrived this afternoon. I wasn't disappointed. This is a book that transcends age or culture and is accessible to all. "Welcome to the Neighborhood" deals with the natural inter-dependence between various species and the importance of realising how imperative that is for the balance and health of our planet, suggested gently by the texts and visuals of this lovely book. First, the paper: used both for the page itself and used in the construction, the paper is substantial with the look and feel of handmade paper in muted autumnal colours with wonderful use of those hues and tones. Second, the art work: with the look of a collage, Ms. Sheehy

has removed the idea of shading instead of which she uses color blocks to suggest depth and structure and it works beautifully. Third, the construction: with layering and paper engineering the author creates what at first glance may look like simple pop-ups but upon closer inspection prove to be highly sophisticated. There is no attempt at natural accuracy, what she gives us is the idea in three dimensions and the viewer fills in that sort of detail as much or as little as needed. This is not, most assuredly, a put-down. Rather, it is what makes this work so marvelous as it speaks to minds of all ages. The pop-ups are beautiful, so beautiful that one turns pages with great reluctance. Fourth, the text: Ms. Sheehy provides each double-page spread a single paragraph about the animal represented and then tantalizingly builds a text bridge to the following page, drawing reader and viewer alike along for the ride. As is quite obvious, I find this book just lovely to read and to enjoy. I appreciate the wonder of this book and sincerely hope that you do too.

Amazingly beautiful! This one stays at Nana and Grampa's house as it could be ripped to shreds by little hands. I don't know how these can be produced at such a reasonable price. A work of art for ANY nature lover, young and old alike.

I think this book is so much more than just a pop-up. What Mr. Sheehy has done is give kids and adults alike a chance to imagine. What a gift! I am a Grandmother and all my kids will get one. What a treasure, reminds me why I loved Bambi. Very well done!

If you like to build and nature, then this book is for you. Kids will like everything about this book, especially the pictures. I like the part about the beaver best. Boys will love the spider. Girls will like this book too! "even though there is no pink, there is lavender. The ending is excellent. It is like no other book I know. Reviewed by Henry L., age 5, North Texas Mensa

Really nice book. Great pop-ups. Visual and fun. Colors are bright. My nephew really loves it! Pop-ups of snails, bumble bees and so much more. Very interactive. Going to look for more books by Sheehy. Just perfect for the animal lover child.

This book is wonderful, a must-have for anyone who appreciates the beauty and texture of our interconnected world and speaks the language of children. The art in this book is phenomenal, and the text speaks to the ecosystems around us in child-friendly language that is not "dumbed down" like so much of what is written for kids. Amazing!

Summary: Seven animals are profiled—the land snail, hummingbird, garden spider, honeybee, potter wasp, beaver, and stickleback. The emphasis is on what each animal builds to help it stay alive. A web, a nest, a honeycomb; each example of animal architecture is marvelously illustrated with intricate pop-ups that show the animal with its creation. The final page, “Neighbors” shows one magnificent pop-up that includes all of the animals, and explains how humans and all these creatures are interdependent inhabitants of the “neighborhood”. 16 pages; all ages. Pros: The text is interesting and educational, but the incredible pop-ups are the real stars here. Readers will gasp with delight as each page is turned to reveal an amazing animal habitat. Cons: Due to the price and the fragile nature of pop-ups, this is more suitable as a gift for a special child in your life than a purchase for the library shelves.

This is a beautiful, enchanting pop-up storybook that teaches children about forest animals and insects and their habitats. I purchased this book for future grandchildren because books like this do not come around very often.

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