

# HUSH! A Thai Lullaby

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

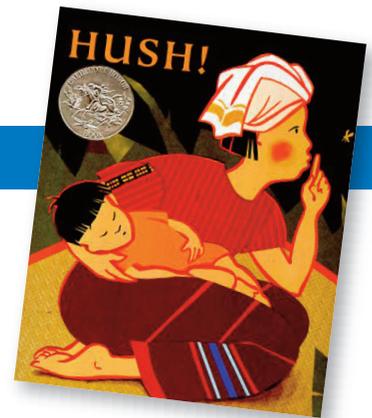
**Themes:** Poetry, Thailand, Bedtime Stories, Family Relationships

**Grade Level:** K to 2nd grade

**Book Brief:** A mother tries to help her baby sleep on a noisy night in Thailand.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, look at the cover:** Ask your child what the mother is doing. What is the baby doing? The title is "Hush!" What does that mean?

**While reading, sound it out:** Have your child make the animal sounds in the story. Guess which type of animal will be next.

### After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What did you notice about the baby in the story?
- ◆ Did the animals listen to the mom?
- ◆ What happened to the mom at the end of the story?
- ◆ Could you sleep with all that noise?
- ◆ What is different about where this family lives from where you live?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### WATERMELON SLUSHIES

Ingredients: watermelon (no seeds), ice cubes, a little sugar

Put 6 ice cubes in blender. Crush. Add 2 cups of watermelon. Blend until slushy, about 1 minute. Add 1 tbsp. sugar. Blend 10 seconds. Pour and enjoy!

In Thailand, watermelons are round like balls and weigh from 5 to 15 pounds.

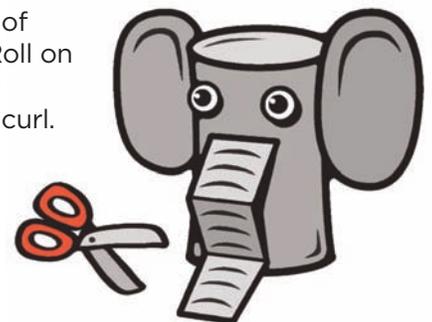
### OUT AND ABOUT

Superstitions are everywhere. Some think it's bad luck to step on cracks, break a mirror or walk under a ladder. Some people in Thailand step over the thresholds in doorways. Try to count how many doorways you can step over in one day!

### ELEPHANT PENCIL HOLDER

Materials: empty soup can, construction paper, tacky glue, scissors, tape, wiggle eyes

1. Cut paper to fit can. Wrap around can and tape.
2. Cut out ovals for ears. Fold in 1/2 inch so ears stick out and glue onto can.
3. Cut out thin strip of paper for trunk. Roll on pencil or fold and unfold to make it curl. Glue on can.
4. Glue on eyes.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Peek! A Thai Hide and Seek* (2004), *Rice Without Rain* (1990), *The Stone Goddess* (2005).



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