

Over and Under the Snow



READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: animal adaptations, family, winter

Book Brief: Over the snow, the world is quiet and white, but beneath it lies a hidden world of animals surviving winter. *Over and Under the Snow* takes readers on a cross-country ski adventure to uncover the lives of creatures staying safe and warm under the snow.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the forest.

Prior Knowledge: Have a discussion about animals that hibernate during the winter. Have students make predictions about what animals they will find.

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, look for the animals the boy and his dad will find on their walk."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What do you notice about the animals?
- Describe what the author means when the fox "goes after an invisible dinner."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: The boy and his dad see many animals. Name some of the animals they find.

Extending Our Thinking: The animals they saw were above and underground. Using [RIF's Venn Diagram](#), have students compare and contrast the animals.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about winter.
 - [Snow Globe Wishes](#) (2019)
 - [The Mitten](#) (1989)
 - [The Snowy Day](#) (1962)