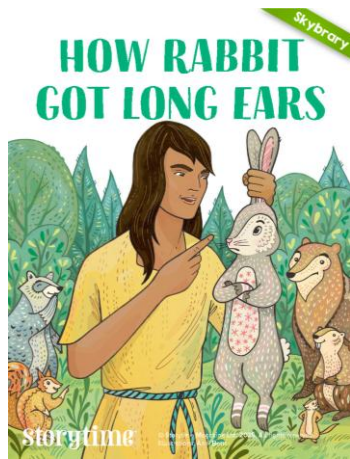


Read Aloud Guide for Families



How Rabbit Got Long Ears

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Anni Betts

Themes: Responsibility, Problem-Solving, Choices & Consequences

Book Brief: Rabbit gets what he deserves in this humorous Native American tale.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever wondered why animals look the way they do? Why do you think rabbits have such long ears?"
- Explain to your child that this story is a Native American tale that explains how rabbits got their long ears. A fable or folktale typically teaches us a lesson.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Rabbit do that causes problems?
- How do the other animals feel about what Rabbit does?
- What happens to Rabbit at the end? How does he change?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What happens in the story? Why does Rabbit get long ears? What lesson does this story teach us?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Make up your own "how animals got their features" story! Pick an animal (like how giraffes got long necks or how elephants got long trunks) and create a silly tale together about how it happened. Draw pictures to go with your story.
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