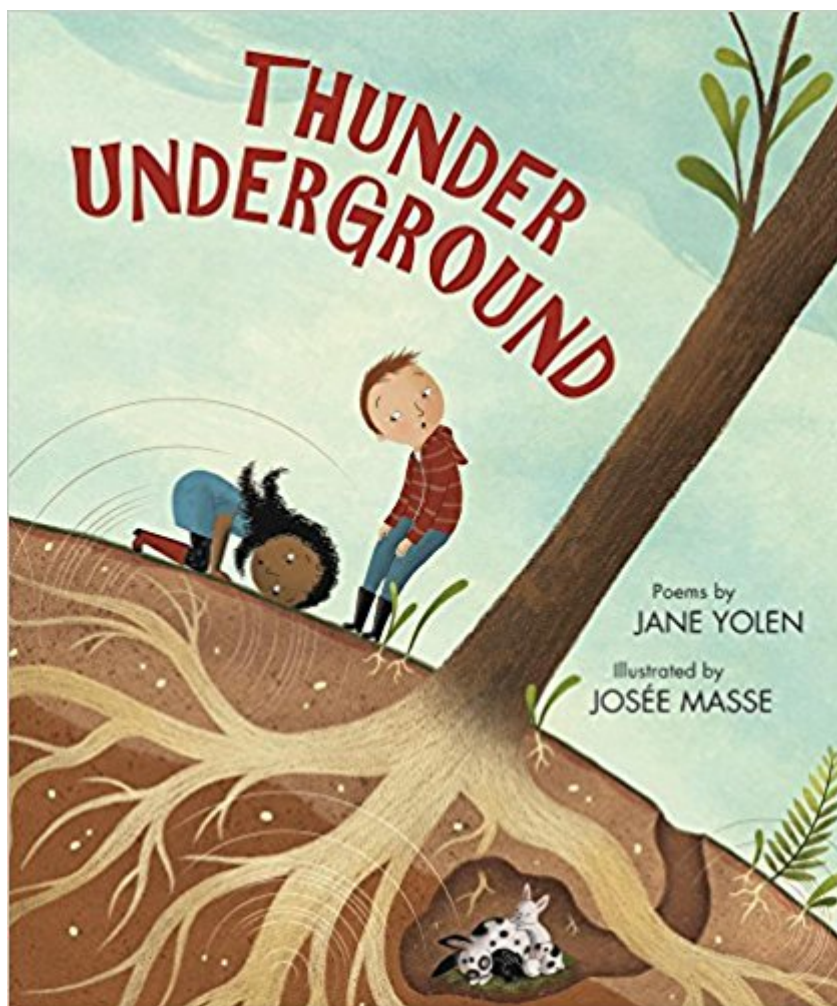


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# Thunder Underground



## Synopsis

In this collection of poems, noted children's poet Jane Yolen takes readers on an expedition underground, exploring everything from animal burrows and human creations, like subways, near the surface to ancient cities and fossils, lower down to caves, magma, and Earth's tectonic plates, deeper still below our feet. At the same time, in Josee Masse's rich art, a girl and boy, accompanied by several animals, go on a fantastic underground journey. This book contains science, poetry, and an adventure story all rolled into one. But it's also more than that: In these poems we see that beneath us are the past, present, future history, truth, and story. This thought-provoking collection will evoke a sense of wonder and awe in readers, as they discover the mysterious world underneath us.

## Customer Reviews

"Twenty-one poems...encourage children to explore what is under their feet using imagination and wonder. (E)ach poem honors the ability of young readers to navigate syntax, imagery, and wordplay. Yolen's treatment of the underground is expansive...(and) Masse's mixed-media illustrations portray the imaginary points of view with aplomb. A thoughtful exploration of nature expressed in poetry that should open the eyes of children to unseen worlds." Kirkus Reviews, starred review  
"This collection illuminates the rich world of activity that goes on beneath our feet. The warm, naturalistic illustrations of underground scenes...often contain an element of charming whimsy|(and) nicely compliment the verses. Great for either a school or public library." Booklist

Jane Yolen has been called the Hans Christian Andersen of America and the Aesop of the twentieth century. Her many awards include both the Kerlan Award and the Regina Medal for the body of her work. She lives in Hatfield, Massachusetts, and St. Andrews, Scotland. [janeyolen.com](http://janeyolen.com)  
Josee Masse is the illustrator of the critically-acclaimed reverse poems by Marilyn Singer (Mirror Mirror, Follow Follow, and Echo Echo) and the Frog and Friends (I Can Read) series by Eve Bunting. She lives in Montreal, Canada. [joseemasse.com](http://joseemasse.com)

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