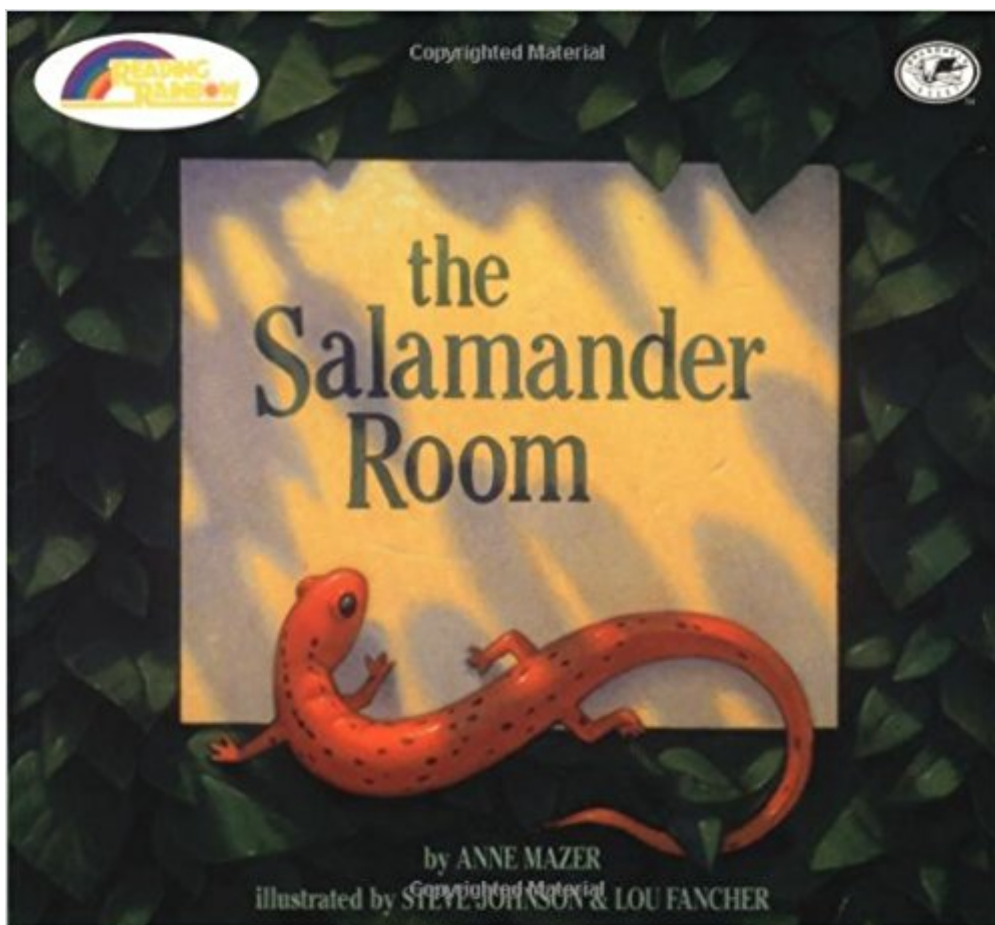


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The Salamander Room (Dragonfly Books)



Synopsis

A boy finds a salamander in the woods and imagines the many things he can do to turn his room into a perfect salamander home. Together, Anne Mazer and Steve Johnson have created a woodland paradise that any salamander would love to share with a child.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

PW described this "atmospherically illustrated" tale about a boy's plans to accommodate a salamander as a "fitting tribute to a child's perseverance and imagination," Ages 4-8. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 2-- Brian's determination to keep a salamander in his room is met with quizzical concern on the part of his mother--"Where will he sleep? . . . where will he play?" Inquiries are answered with imaginative solutions that will be familiar to all those who have tried to convince a parent to let them have a pet. Johnson's lush, shadowy paintings depict each addition to the cumulative scenario as Brian's cozy bedroom is gradually transformed into a dark green forest that overflows the pages as the fantasy becomes more elaborate. From its rich green endpapers through its handsome typeface, this is a beautifully designed mood piece. The subtle implication

that animals require responsible handling is positive, although readers caught up in the fantasy are never brought back to mundane reality. Johnson's salamander is realistically depicted, yet imbued with personality, whether wistfully peering through the bedroom window to see his forest friends or snuggled under leaves sleeping next to Brian. He will have young readers yearning for salamander rooms of their own. --Louise L. Sherman, Anna C. Scott School, Leonia, NJ Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My children and I really enjoyed this book. Apart from the very nice story and beautiful illustrations, it got them thinking about why houses are built the way they are, taking care of different species as pets, the food chain, etc. We had varied topics to discuss and some days later the story came up while discussing something else. As a Teaching student who's very interested in children's books, I'd recommend that you read it aloud first asking from time to time "What do you think will happen next?" and only then show the kid/s the pictures.

It gives a very strong imagination for kids.

Using with class discussions

This was one of our favorites to read out daughters. I have been reading our well loved and not so gently used copy to our 3 year old grandson, making more sweet memories. Ordered this brand new copy and look forward to enjoying it for many years to come. Sweet sweet story of a child's wonderful imagination.

.Good read

I love 'The Salamander Room'. This is an excellent story with a great perspective to encourage both young and old. The book is beautifully illustrated as well. Get your hands on a copy and read it with your children/grandchildren, students..etc. It's a gem! =)

I have given The Salamander Room more times than I can remember. Kids love the story - something they all identify with. And the art work is perfect.

If this book isn't in your child's collection, it should be!!! Growing up with an appreciation for nature

and ownership of what it means to be a steward of all creatures great and small... this is the first step.

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