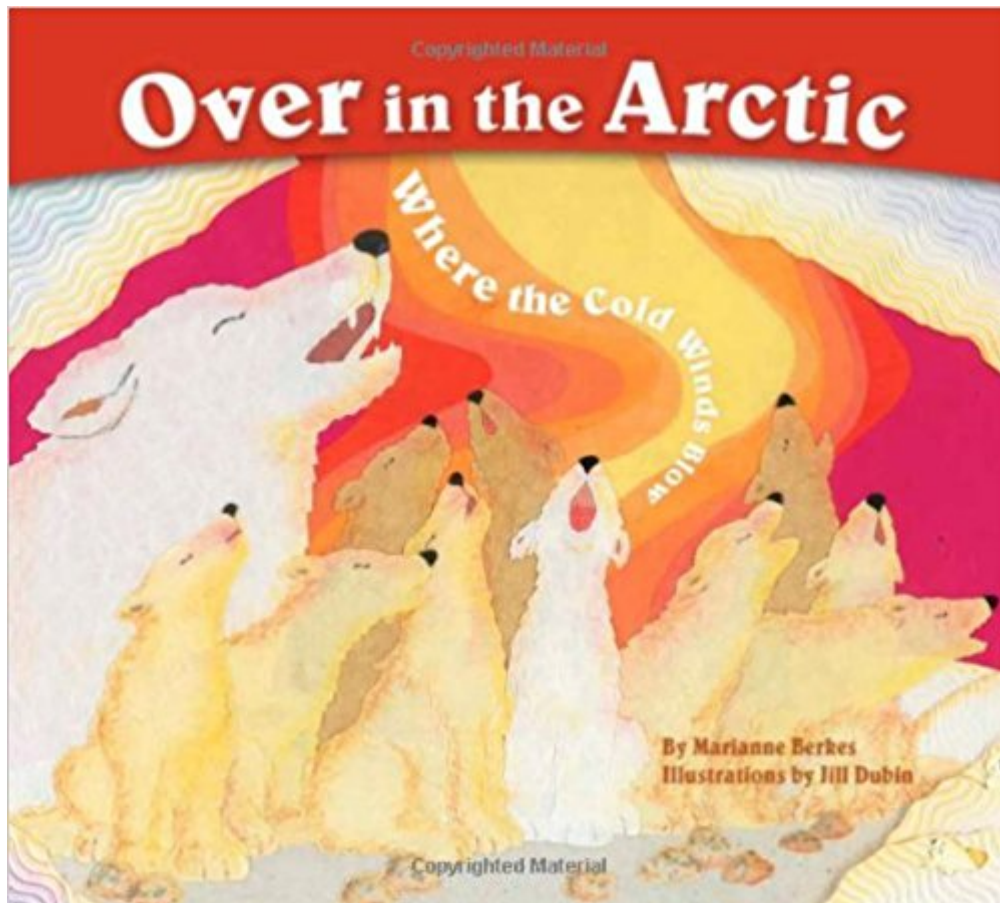




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Over In The Arctic: Where The Cold Winds Blow



Synopsis

Teachers and parents, here is another favorite from Marianne, who has a special talent. The kids think it is entertainment while teachers and parents think it is a great lesson about the Arctic! This book combines singing, counting, and full-body action with terrific cut-paper illustrations that kids will want to imitate. Over in the Arctic, the snow goose honks and the wolf howls. Children too will joyfully honk and howl while they count the baby animals and sing to the tune of Over in the Meadow. And they will hunt for hidden animals on each page. A big plus for educators are several pages of extension ideas for curriculum and art projects as well as resources on the web and elsewhere.

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PreSchool-Grade 1 [Follow](#) • Following *Over in the Ocean* (2004) and *Over in the Jungle* (2007, both Dawn), this latest spin on the familiar "Over in the Meadow" rhyme takes readers on another adventure. Each page highlights a different animal, including a polar bear and her cub, an Arctic hare and her leverets, and a wolf and his pups. The last verse tells of 10 "surprise" animals hiding in the previous pages and invites children to go back to the beginning for a closer read. An author's note gives more information about the Arctic tundra and explains that while most of the details in the

book are factual, the number of babies each animal would have according to the rhyme is not accurate. Spreads feature chunky cut-paper collages in a cool palette. An artist's note explains the process for creating the illustrations. Other interesting back matter includes tips for extended activities and notes for the traditional "Over in the Meadow" tune with the altered Arctic lyrics. This book serves as a useful introduction to the area. --Julie Roach, Cambridge Public Library, MA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Modeled after the traditional song "Over in the Meadow," this (for the most part) easily chanted rhyme introduces a variety of land and sea animals and birds found in the tundra. Standard number-recognition and counting concepts are augmented by additional ideas and vocabulary in the active text, which highlights the Arctic climate, animal habits and the proper names for the animals' young. "Over in the Arctic / Where some creatures migrate, / Lived a mother snow goose / And her little goslings eight. / 'Honk,' said the mother. / 'We honk,' said the eight. / So they honked and flew south / Where some creatures migrate." Graceful, stylish cut-paper collages in a mixture of bright colors and patterns create icy backgrounds for each scene. Well-conceived extension ideas for curriculum and art connections follow a "hidden animal" game and a "Fact or Fiction" explanation about the rhyme's tundra environment. A value-added exploration of the Arctic for preschoolers and early elementary-age children. Picture book. 3-7) --Kirkus Reviews Designed to be sung to "Over in the meadow," this rhyming counting book features arctic animals, parents and offspring doing something they would actually be doing in the wild. Different action verbs are used with each animal. There is a good amount of information following the text: extra facts about the tundra, extra arctic animals "hidden" in the illustrations, and animals covered in the regular text. This is followed by tips from the author on activities to use with the books, and a short bibliography; tips for the illustrator, the music to the song and colophon information. The text is large print, mostly black, except the featured number is in a color. The bright cut paper illustrations look like something done by a scrap booker gone wild. There are patterns on almost everything. While some of the wild patterns are a bit much for a close-up, from a distance they work well together. This book has been carefully designed for use with young children to get them moving and participating with the storyteller or reader, but group use would probably be more fun. --Barbara A. Rose, Washington Public Library This counting book, cleverly illustrated by Jill Dubin, features Berkes' charming counting rhyme filled with interesting facts about animals of the Arctic. Included in each picture are hidden animals that will encourage readers to search the illustrations to learn more about the Arctic

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Every teacher needs this book. It's not just for young grades who are learning to count, but for older grades who are learning about organisms, habitats, and the animal kingdom!! It is so chalk full of information! The opportunities to use it in the classroom abound! The illustrations are amazing! The song is wonderful, and easy for children to learn, not to mention that it is a melody that many children already know. The best buy!

Perfect for preschoolers Fun rhymes and not too wordy.

A fun book with lots of education about the Arctic and the animals that live there plus beautiful artwork. Spans a wide age range for interest, can grow with your child.

Over in the Arctic by Marianne Berkes is a delightful addition to my collection of polar books. The rhyming verse and 1-10 counting are perfect for the age I teach. The soft illustrations by Jill Dubin are inviting and soothing.

Kids loved the book.

My class of 3- and 4-year-olds really enjoyed this book! It is a great variation on the original, "Over in the Garden".

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Adorable rhyming book

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