

Recommended Reading



For kids:

Bats – Creatures of the Night, by Joyce Milton, 1993.

Detailed cut-paper art illustrates this story about common bats of North America.

Cactus Café: A story of the Sonoran Desert, by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld, 1997.

Detailed illustrations accompany this story of a desert ecosystem involving cactus, bats, and other animals.

Marcelo el Murcielago/Marcelo the Bat, by Laura Navarro 1997.

Simple line drawings illustrate this story of nightly feedings and migration as told through one young bat named Marcelo.

Stellaluna, by Janell Cannon, 1993.

A beautifully illustrated story about a young bat that is raised by birds and does a good job of comparing the two.

Welcome to the World of Bats, by Diane Swanson, 1998.

Photos from by Merlin Tuttle accompany this overview of the bats of North America.

For educators or older children:

America's Neighborhood Bats, by Merlin D. Tuttle, 1988.

His photographs and knowledge of bats help everyone understand and learn to live with bats.

Bats: Swift Shadows in the Twilight, by Ann C. Cooper, 1994.

Facts about bats are interspersed with activities in this book that also nicely compares legends about bats with scientific information.

Educator's Activity Book About Bats by Bat Conservation International, 1991.

Activities including making a bat mask, tasting a bat fruit salad, pretending to be a mother bat finding her baby by scent, and much more.

The World of Bats by Klaus Richard & Alfred Limbrunner, 1993.

Bats of the World by Ronald M. Nowak, 1994.

Shadows of Night: The Hidden World of the Little Brown Bat, by Barbara Bash, 1993.

A Promise to the Sun by Mollie Tolowa, 1992.

Beautiful Bats by Linda Glaser, 1997.

Eyewitness Junior - Amazing Bats by Frank Greenway, 1991.

Don Sabino, el Murcielago de la Ciudad/Don Sabino, the City Bat by Laura Navarro, 1999.

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Bats (Eyes on Nature), by Celia Bland, 1997.

Short descriptions and lots of pictures make this a good choice for young readers.

Bat in My Pocket by Amanda Lollar, 1992.

Those Amazing Bats, by Cheryl Mays Halton, 1991. A detailed description of bats from around the world, accompanied by photos by Merlin Tuttle. The book ends with an interesting chapter on how Dr. Tuttle takes his photographs.