



**BOOK TITLE: At This Very Moment**  
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**SUMMARY OF BOOK:** This book is about moments in time – every day, routine moments that a child experiences simultaneously with animals around the world. This book helps children make connections to the natural world: imagine you are eating your dinner, what do you think a different animal is having for supper?

**\*BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

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| 1. Look at the cover and talk about what you see: “Which animals do we know about? Which have we seen?” | 2. What kinds of things do you do throughout the day that animals might also do? |
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**DURING READING** (ask these questions):

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| 1. “What’s happening in this picture? Do you do some of the things the animal is doing?” | experiencing. “What do you do when it’s cold? hot? early? late?”  |
| 2. “Have you ever seen this animal before? Where do you think he lives?”                 | 4. Before you read on a page, ask your child to tell you what’s happening, what he sees in the picture. |
| 3. Talk about the weather, the season, the time of day the animal might be               | 5. “What sounds would we hear on this page if we were there?”   |

**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

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| 1. Walk through the book again and have your child retell it using the pictures and what he remembers.  | jay ate? or the puffins?”  |
| 2. When you see one of the animals or your child is doing one of the activities, relate it back to the book: “You’re eating now; remember what the blue | 3. Try working with the idea of time: “Right now, what do you think an animal somewhere might be doing? What would Grandma or Auntie be doing right at this time?” |

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\* This activity created by students at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

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