

Novel Resource #3

Where Do Chicks Come From?

Author: Amy E. Sklansky

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Publisher: HarperCollins Publisher

About the Author:

1. Interesting facts: Amy Sklansky has loved books for a long time. She recalls reading under the covers with a flashlight growing up. Amy was first an editor for HarperCollins in New York and Studio Goodwin Sturges in Boston. Her first love is writing poetry. She currently lives in St. Louis Missouri with her husband and two children.
2. Author's webpage: [sklansky@mindspring.com](mailto:sklansky@mindspring.com)
3. Author's email and address: Her poetry can be found in "Poem of the Day" at [www.poetry4kids.com](http://www.poetry4kids.com). No other addresses were available



4. Picture:
5. Other facts: Amy Sklansky stated, "I love the way a picture book blends art with text to tell a story." Where Do Chicks Come From? is her third book.
6. Other books written by author: My Daddy and Me, Skeleton Bones and Goblin Groans, and From the Doghouse: Poems to Chew On

Annotation: This non-fiction picture book depicts the development of a chicken from before the egg is laid to an independent chick. Pam Paparone's bright, bold pictures are anatomically correct, giving one a sense of the lifecycle even without the text. Amy E. Sklansky is brief and informative with the words she has chosen. This book would be an excellent resource when studying farm life or the life cycle development. Unfortunately, the reading level is well above the interest level of most appropriately aged students. Teachers may use this resource as a read aloud in Kindergarten or Preschool. The students may also use the picture timeline as a resource without words. Older students will be able to get meaning from the text independently.

Book talk: Have you ever tried to hatch an egg yourself? Maybe you found a robin's egg on the ground and tried to keep it warm. Many things happen inside an egg for a bird to develop, and the mother is responsible for more than warmth. Read Where Do Chicks Come From? to find out what happens inside a chicken's egg, and what mother hen must do to help her babies develop.

Characters: egg, hen, and rooster. The hen is the caregiver for the eggs, rarely leaving them to eat or drink. The egg is the beginning of the lifecycle and develops into a chick throughout the book.

Conflict and Conflict resolution: none

Genre: Non-fiction informational Picture book

If you like: Where Do Chicks Come From?, you will love: Chickens Aren't the Only Ones by Ruth Heller, Egg to Chicken (Lifecycle) by Gerald Legg, Best Father's Day Present Ever by Christine Loomis, Illustrated by Pam Paparone, and My Daddy and Me by Amy E. Sklansky

Interest level: Preschool to Grade 1

Reading level: 3.3 This book would be read aloud to a younger group such as the I.L suggests

Setting: nest and barnyard

Point of View: Third person omniscient

Theme: Imparting information. Where Do Chicks Come From? addresses the lifecycle.

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About the Illustrator: Pam Paparone

Interesting facts: Pam Paparone has illustrated many books for multiple authors. She is also a children's book author. She resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Illustrator's webpage: no contact information given.

Other email or addresses: see above



Picture:

Illustrator's connection to the book:

Other books illustrated by: Mail for Husher Town, Raindrop, Plop! City Cats, Country Cats, and I Like Cats. Written and illustrated by Pam Paparone: Who Built the Ark? and Five Little Ducks

Art Medium used:

Students can understand how the art medium is created by:

The medium was chosen to convey the meaning of the story because: