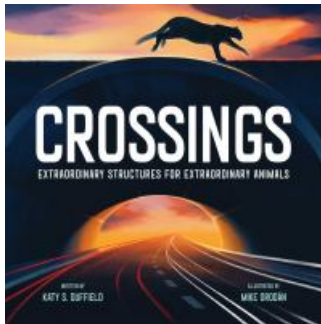
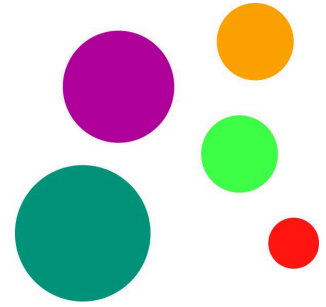


DIY Family Book Club



Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals

By Katy Duffield

Before you Read

Take a look at the stunning cover of this book. What do you think it might be about? Do you think this is a story (fiction) or an informational book (nonfiction)? Why? What does the cover make you curious about?

Read the Book

Read the book and look at the illustrations. Don't miss the "Wildlife Crossings Around the World" section at the very end of the book to find out more about the animals and their habitats.

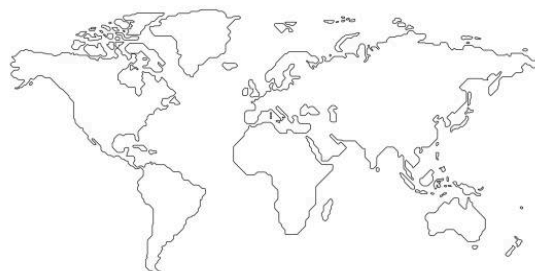
Now head over to Katy Duffield's website to look at some videos of the wildlife crossings in the book: <https://www.katyduffield.com/crossings>

Which one is your favorite?

Where in the World?

The author found places all over the world where humans have found creative solutions to save animals' lives. Look up where some of these places are located.

You can use an atlas (the library has many world atlases you can borrow) or use a website like googlemaps.com.



Discussion Questions

- What has happened to many wildlife habitats?
- What are some dangers animals face?
- Were these dangers always there? Who/what made life so dangerous?
- How did engineers decide where to build a wildlife crossing?
- What were some of the ways to convince the animals to take the new routes?
- Can you think of some animals in your own neighborhood that are impacted by us humans?
- Some of the animals that were helped with these structures are really cute, but why would we want to save animals like the red crabs?

Activities

Ants in the Park



Imagine you're having a fun picnic in the park. Just as you're off to play for a while, you notice lots of ants. Looks like they would love a taste of your yummy food. Can you build a detour so these little critters don't feast on your treats? Hint: Ants love anything sugary and sweet.

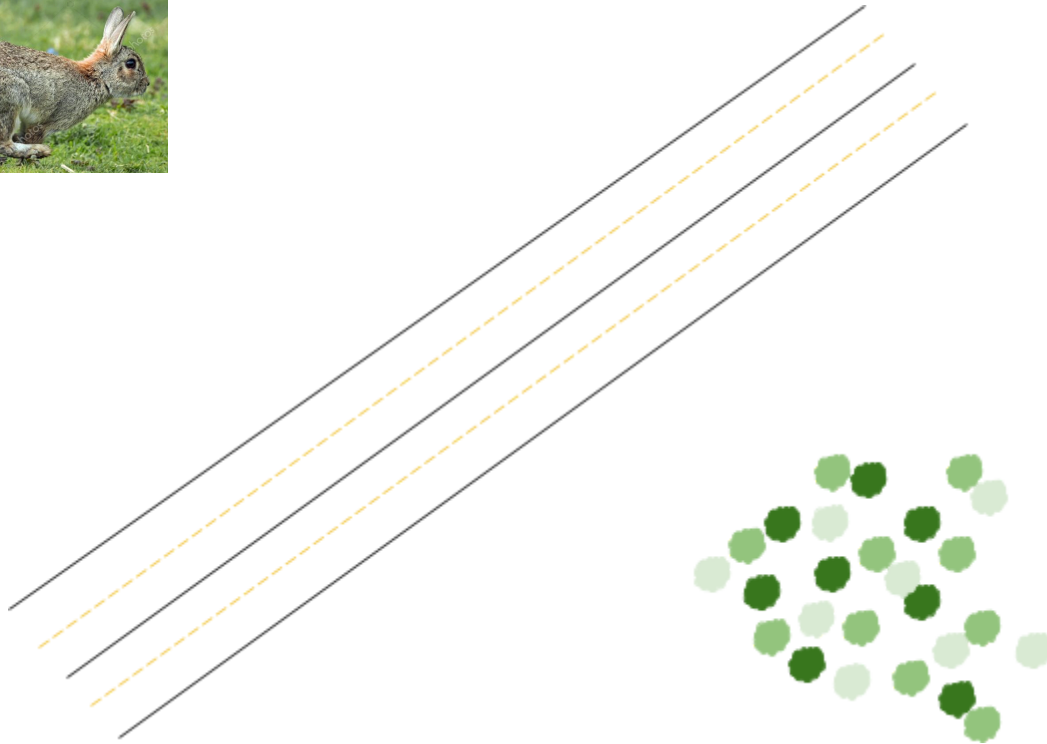
Stuffed Animals in Danger



Build a safe crossing across a pretend busy street for your stuffed animals. Use boxes, blocks, chairs, and other things around the house to get your teddy bear out of harm's way.

Design a Rabbit Crossing

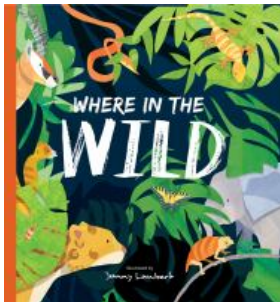
Use the picture below to help this hungry rabbit. Design a safe way for it to reach the juicy clover on the other side of the busy road .



Explore More

To learn more about animal habitats, check out some books from the library or Hoopla digital.

[Where in the Wild](#) by Poppy Bishop



[Animal Habitats](#) by Julie Lundgren

