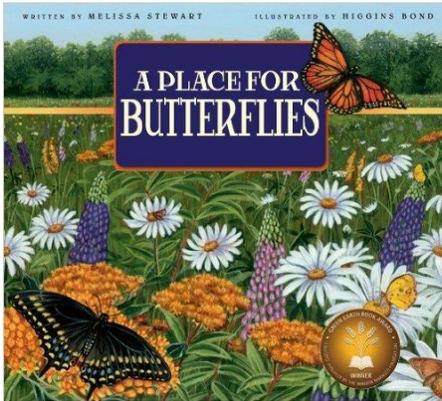




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A Place for Butterflies

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About the Book

Butterflies fill our world with beauty and grace. But sometimes we do things that harm them. Stunning illustrations and simple, gentle language introduce young readers to some of the ways human action and inaction can affect butterfly populations. More than just a book about our favorite insects, *A Place for Butterflies* opens readers' minds to a wide range of environmental issues.

Maps on the end papers show where each butterfly lives. The book includes specific conservation projects in **Massachusetts**, **Florida**, and **California** and wide-ranging projects throughout North America.

A Place for Butterflies includes two levels of text. When sharing the book to young children, read the large text at the top. Then you can fill in details from the sidebars as seems appropriate. You could also share just a few of the spreads in their entirety. For example, you could choose butterflies that live in your area or that you think will be especially interesting to your students. The lifecycle information at the beginning of the book and the food chain discussion at the end are part of most school curricula, so you may want to focus extra attention on these parts of the book.

Before You Read

- Ask children what they already know about butterflies and listen to their answers. Encourage them to tell you facts, not tell stories.
- Ask children to listen for information about:
 - what butterflies and caterpillars eat
 - where butterflies live
 - how we can help butterflies survive

As You Read

Ask children to compare caterpillars to the butterflies they will become. Why do they look so different?

After You Read

- Discuss all the different kinds of foods that butterflies eat.
- Discuss all the different places that butterflies live.
- Ask children if they can think of ways to help butterflies in your town or city.

Follow-up Activities

If time permits, students may want to do some of the Butterfly Activity Pages available on the author's website: www.melissa-stewart.com.

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Sadly, The Butterfly Place will be closing until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic. We will be open through Sunday, March 22, 2020, then closing. Please check back here and on our Facebook Page for updates. We will let you know when we will be back! Thank you to all our customers and employees for your support, hard work, and caring that you have shared with our company. All the Best! Take care of each other.Â Parking at The Butterfly Place is free and plentiful. All areas are handicapped accessible, and strollers are welcomed and encouraged. The butterfly flight area is kept at 80-85 degrees as butterflies need warmth to fly. Dress appropriately. There is air conditioning in all other areas. Most visitors spend about one hour to enjoy their visit. Butterfly Place, Butterfly Life Cycle, Science Writing, Teaching Science, Teaching Main Idea, Teaching Ideas, Earth Book, Expository Writing, Love The Earth. Students at Pollard School in Plaistow, NH, making butterflies with symmetrical wings in preparation for my school visit. I School Literacy Butterflies Wings Students Kids Rugs Classroom Activities Teaching. Storywalk featuring A Place for Butterflies at Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester, MA. Worcester Butterflies Wildlife Teaching Frame Places Lugares Frames A Frame. Teacher's Guide, Compare And Contrast, Nonfiction A Place For Butterflies is a wonderfully informative picture book about butterflies and how human actions are negatively and positively effecting their continued existence on Earth; something they have been doing for 140 million years. Higgins Bondâ€™s illustrations are stunning, filled with vibrant colors and beautiful perspective views.