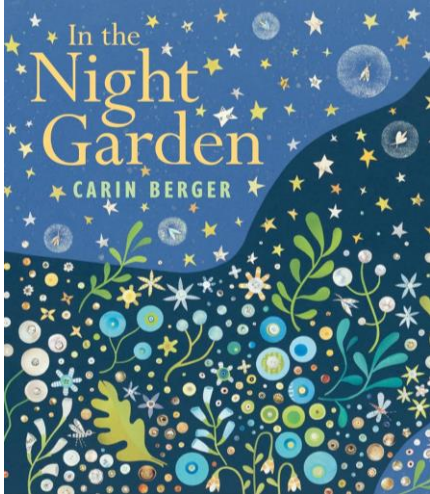


Discussion Guide for Families



In The Night Garden

Author: Carin Berger

Illustrator: Carin Berger

Themes: Nature, Nighttime, Exploration, Curiosity

Book Brief: A collage-illustrated bedtime story that explores the mysterious and beautiful experiences of nighttime spaces.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by asking your child how they think a garden at night might be different from a garden during the day. Ask them to imagine what animals or plants might come out or bloom after dark and encourage them to think about the sights and sounds of the night.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Throughout the book, the author depicts a nocturnal world teeming with life and mystery. When reading through the pages, ask your child guiding questions such as:
 - "Looking at the moonflowers opening, how do you think the night garden smells now? What scents do you think are floating in the air?"
 - "When the book shows the cat tiptoeing across the roof under the moonlight, why do you think it moves like that? What could it be looking for?"

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What was your favorite part of the night garden? Why?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Creating your own collage artwork inspired by the night garden.
- Making a "night garden" in a shoebox using craft materials to recreate scenes from the book.