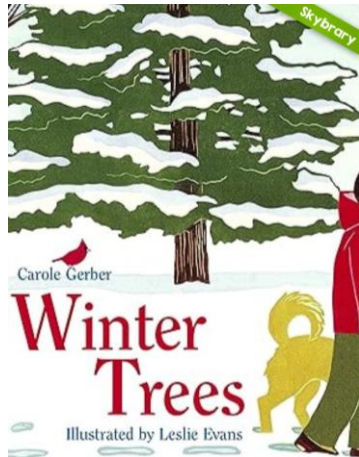


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Winter Trees

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Themes: Nature, Observation, Seasons

Book Brief: An informational text about identifying different types of trees in winter by observing their unique features, even when their leaves are gone!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever noticed how trees look different in winter than in summer? What changes about them?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- How do the trees look in winter? What covers them?
- What does the boy use to help him identify the trees? What does he look at and touch?
- What different types of trees does the boy find? How can he tell them apart?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How can you tell different trees apart in winter when they don't have leaves? What clues did the boy use?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Go on a "Tree Detective Walk." Take a walk outside and look closely at trees. Help your child notice the bark, branches, and shape of different trees. If possible, take photos or make bark rubbings. Talk about how each tree is unique, just like the boy learned to identify trees in winter.
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