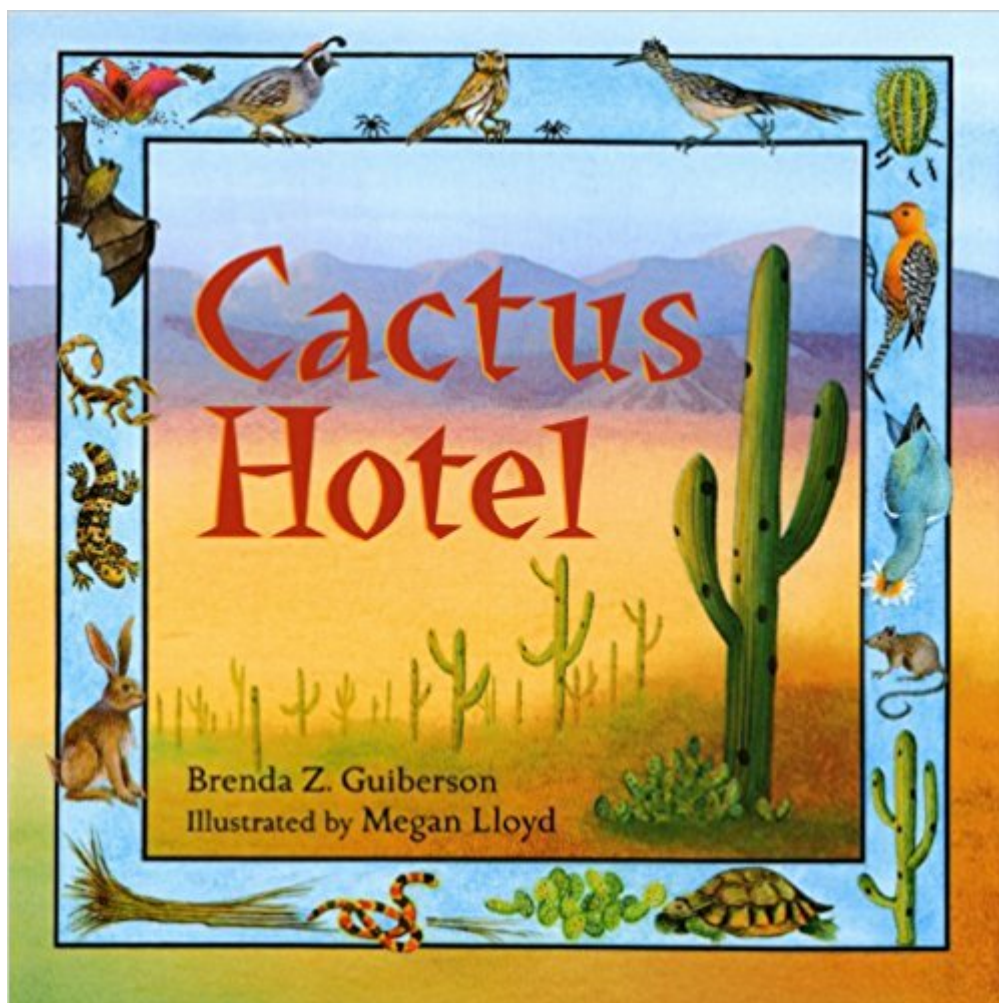


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# Cactus Hotel (Owlet Book)



## Synopsis

It is another hot day in the desert. Birds and other animals scurry about looking for food. When they get tired they stop to rest at a giant cactus. It is their hotel in the desert! Many different animals live in the cactus hotel. It protects them; and they protect it, by eating the pests that could harm the cactus. The cactus grows larger and larger and will live for about two hundred years. When one animal moves out, another moves in. There is never a vacancy in the cactus hotel. This story--about a desert, a giant cactus, and the animals who live in it--is one that even the youngest child will understand and enjoy. Parents' Choice Award IRA-CBC Teachers' Choice An NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book An NCTE Notable Trade Book in the Language Arts

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

The intriguing life cycle of the saguaro cactus and the complex web of life that characterizes the North American Sonoran desert is effectively explored in this involving picture book. Guiberson's text captures the reader with its steady pace and often delightful echoes of cumulative nursery tales. She weaves an amazingly large range of facts into this simple story of a fragile ecosystem, and helps children comprehend just how much plants and animals depend upon one another for their

survival. Lloyd's ( *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* ) paintings evoke the desert landscape with their pastel-shaded palette, changing point of view and finely rendered scenes of native flora and fauna. Best used as a read-aloud, this is a fine prequel to Barbara Bash's more extensive and detailed *Desert Giant* . Ages 4-8. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 2-- Text and illustrations successfully meld to tell this story of the slow-growing saguaro. The plant's 200-year life cycle from seed to final deterioration is presented chronologically. This sequential approach clearly demonstrates plant development and adaptation techniques for survival in a desert habitat. The symbiotic relationship of plant and animal at various stages of growth is shown as birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects visit the cactus. Muted double-page illustrations provide a landscape background for the brighter hues of the cactus flowers and the creatures that come to visit. These illustrations are a gentle contrast to the boldness of *Desert Giant* (Little, 1989) by Barbara Bash and complement the photographs in *The Hidden Life of the Desert* (Crown, 1990) by Thomas Wiewandt. --Diane Nunn, Richard E. Byrd Elementary School, Glen Rock, NJ Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is an amazing book. I'm a teacher and also have kids of my own and hands down kids of all ages love this book. It's informative but also interesting with beautiful illustrations. It can be used as a great teaching tool but is fun to just read! Love it!

Who would have thought that a book could be written about a single plant and be so fascinating. This is one of those books that was read to me as a child that I never forgot about. As someone who grew up in Arizona around these Saguaros I feel lucky. There is so much more to them than meets the eye! How the seed survives, the many different creatures that live inside of and protect the cactus, the land creatures that use it after it's fallen HUNDREDS of years later. It's easy to forget sometimes just how long it takes them to grow and how amazing they are, a little ecosystem in themselves, and how they are able to survive in what can be a harsh climate. I love this book!

Great book. Great addition to my library that I read to my students. Easy transaction.

My whole family loves this book. I grew up in Arizona and never knew this much about the desert. The illustrations are great and the book is a story rather than a "boring" science book. A great addition to any study of plants and animals or just for fun.

Beautiful illustrations that kept my 3 year old grandson mesmerized!

This is a great book for teaching relationships in science! My students learned more about the topic from this book, than their textbooks. There are also tons of resources available online (check Pinterest) that go along with this story.

A surprisingly touching, even quietly haunting book. Tells the story of the life of the saguro cactus from seed to eventual end. Highly recommend. Especially before a family trip to Arizona.

Super fast shipping...as described. Thanks

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