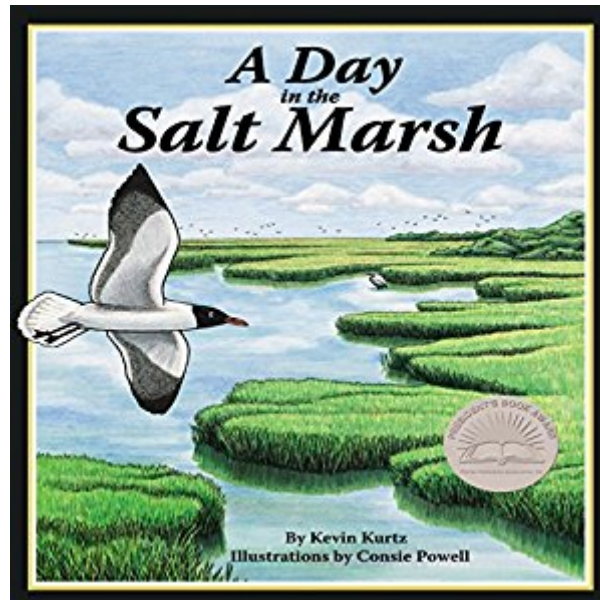




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A Day In The Salt Marsh



Synopsis

Enjoy a day in one of the most dynamic habitats on Earth: the salt marsh. Fun-to-hear, rhyming verse introduces listeners to hourly changes in the marsh as the tide comes and goes. Discover the animals that have adapted to this ever-changing environment as they hunt for food or play in the sun, and learn how the marsh grass survives even when it is covered by saltwater twice a day. An activity on adaptations is included in the "For Creative Minds" section.

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Customer Reviews

Love Kevin's books. Thank you

I love this book. The drawings of the marsh and all the critters who call it home are full of detail and color. It is a good introduction to this habitat.

An excellent source of information for teachers and parents.

Fantastic book!

My grandchildren and I visit the salt marshes of South Carolina several times a year and they enjoyed reading about what they see when they go to the low country salt marshes. It gave them a better understanding of what they see and the reason for its existence.

If you spend a day in the salt marsh, you'll notice an amazing, ever-changing environment. The salt marsh is home to many types of wildlife including crabs, snails, dolphins, otters, birds, fish and oysters, as well as grasses that don't die even though they are often covered with salt water. You and your children can learn much about this dynamic habitat in *A Day in the Salt Marsh*. Set to rhyme, the text tells, hour by hour, what may happen as the tide rises and falls. Readers learn some animal behaviors and interesting tidbits about this ecosystem. As a science teacher who believes strongly in the read-aloud, I see this book as an interesting class discussion starter. It provides several jumping-off points for further study. The illustrations are unique in that they show both a close-up view as well as a far off view in the same page, but it doesn't feel disjointed like it may sound. They are really quite lovely. The rhyming cadence is a touch clunky, but not unbearable and after a couple reads, an experienced read-aloudster will sail right through. Overall, this is a neat picture book on a less familiar topic. And for those who wish to learn more (or for those science teachers among us), there are additional activities at the end of the book. *Armchair Interviews* says: This book will be of great use to broaden, particularly, a land-locked child's horizons.

Why are salt marshes important? This question is posed on one of the activity pages. This beautiful book answers just that query. A salt marsh can stretch for miles with a seeming simplicity, yet this book points to the teeming symbiotic salt marsh life nearly hidden out of sight. *A Day in the Salt Marsh* takes the young reader hour by hour through the day, watching the changes as the tide goes in and out. Author Kevin Kurtz has compiled a vast array, in rhyme, of fascinating information about life in the salt marsh. Illustrator Consie Powell perfectly matches the text with her triads of illustrations of every foldout page. Each one shows a different aspect of the highlighted animal or plant, such as the dolphin close up, dolphins breaking water in the distance, and the above and below water life nearby! Each section of illustration flows into the other. The book will create in young readers who live inland from coasts and the Gulf a desire to visit them someday. In the meantime, a great unit can be formed with just the information presented here. A fascinating read for children 3 - 7.

This is a beautifully illustrated and fun way to introduce kids to the rich variety of living things in salt marsh. We always bring this book on our yearly visits to coastal SC.

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