

## Brown Bunny's Bird and Flower Book

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In Barbara Mancine's picture book *Brown Bunny's Bird and Flower Book*, a bunny pairs with birds to describe the flowers he encounters. Illustrations reveal what each bird and flower looks like as the little bunny names them.

The little brown bunny spends his time sitting in front of a garden, eating delicious green grass. As different birds ask him what he's up to, he answers that he's looking at the flowers. Illustrations follow his story directly. In the end, the bunny thanks God for the birds, the flowers, and his animal friends.

This easy-moving tale repeats the same phrases over and over again, cycling through different flowers and birds. Early readers will be able to follow the pattern and learn about sentence structures from it. The book is just the right length; each page presents a new opportunity for learning.

The book's birds are rendered vibrantly, thanks to clear colors and compositions; the text teaches facts about each feathered friend, from their sounds to whether they fly "from flower to flower." The bunny and the birds are polite in their interactions. They ask and answer questions of each other in a helpful way, and the illustrations of these exchanges teach non-verbal cues, such as the importance of eye contact.

Amie Mancine's illustrations are gorgeous. The brown bunny is consistently drawn throughout; he sits and stands in different poses on each page, making him fun to follow. Each flower and bird is unique to its natural counterparts.

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