



## The Secret Stream

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Narrated in intermittent rhymes and using onomatopoeia, this educational picture book traces a headwater stream from its origins in the falling rain; its waters burble up from the ground and tumble over rocks. The illustrations are soothing, with eye-catching natural features, including flora and insect and animal life: an otter peeps over a rock, and a brook trout scans for insects to gobble. The light breaks through the forest canopy and slices through the stream's surface, inviting contemplation over the intricacies of nature.

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