



Picture Books

What Bluebirds Do

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Elementary school children have an insatiable curiosity for wildlife books. More than stories, these are the books that come home from the library to read with mom and dad. And excellent they are for the one-on-one on the couch, for book animals need to be observed at length, closely, as the creatures outside the windows are rarely sitting still. Pamela Kirby, who wrote the text and took the photos of this bluebird family, got her inspiration from Laurance Sawyer, naturalist, artist, and the Bluebird Man of Georgia. Kirby has made real characters with personalities of these bluebirds, without anthropomorphizing, and the photos and captions are perfectly matched. A delightful book for the readers and the read-to.

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