

A HOME IN THE BARN

BY MARGARET WISE BROWN
ILLUSTRATED BY JERRY PINKNEY

ABOUT THE BOOK

Perfect for fans of *Goodnight Moon*, *The Runaway Bunny*, and *Big Red Barn*, this never-before-published picture book from beloved children's book author Margaret Wise Brown tells the comforting, snowy story of animals seeking shelter from the cold in a big warm barn.

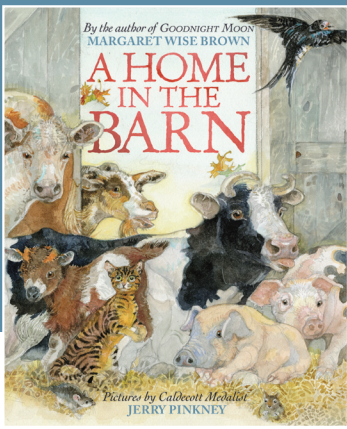
Brought to beautiful life by Caldecott Medalist and multiple award-winner Jerry Pinkney, this is a must-have for every child's library and is perfect for cozy wintertime readings.

"Outside in the cold, hear the wind rattle, come to the barn, keep warm with the cattle . . ."

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **BABY BOOM:** Reread the page, "Mooooooooo. A cow had a calf." Ask the children if they know the names of other animal babies (e.g., cat/kitten and dog/puppy). Teach them some new animal baby names that they might not know, such as goat/kid, goose/gosling, kangaroo/joey, and swan/cygnets.
- **FUNNY FARM:** This illustrator included many animal sounds in the pictures, such as "SQUEAK SQUEAK" for the mice and "NEIGH HRUMPH HRUMPH" for the horses. Have children create a paper bag puppet of their favorite farm animal. When they use their puppets, encourage the children to make the appropriate animal sound to match their puppet.
- **DOWN ON THE FARM:** Ask the children to describe the farm in this story. What buildings does it have? What animals live there? Have the children work together to create a model of the farm, including the barn, the fence, and the animals. They can use boxes or cardboard for the barn and fence, and modelling clay for creating the animals.
- **DAY AND NIGHT:** In this story, most of the animals wake up in the morning, except for the mice and bats who are going to sleep. Discuss the difference between nocturnal and diurnal animals and create a chart that lists animals in both categories.
- **WAX POETIC:** After reading this poetic story about animals on a farm, ask the children to choose another animal habitat (e.g., ocean or rainforest) and as a group, write a poem about the animals that live in this habitat. Have the children make watercolor illustrations to accompany their poetic text to match the style of Pinkney's beautiful watercolor paintings.





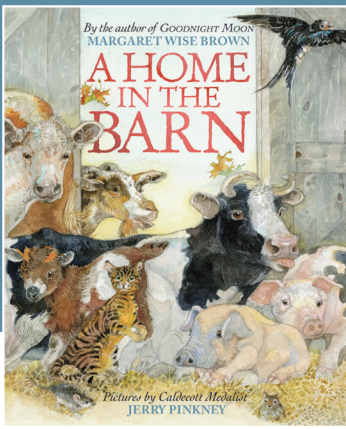
COLOR THE BARN

The barn in *A Home in the Barn* is red! If you had your own barn, what color would it be? What kind of animals would live inside?
Color in the barn below.



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FARM NOISES

There are a lot of animals in the book. Look at the pictures of the animals below. Fill in what sounds the other animals make!

cats meow



COWS _____



pigs _____



horses _____



birds _____



ANSWERS: moo, oink, neigh, tweet/chirp