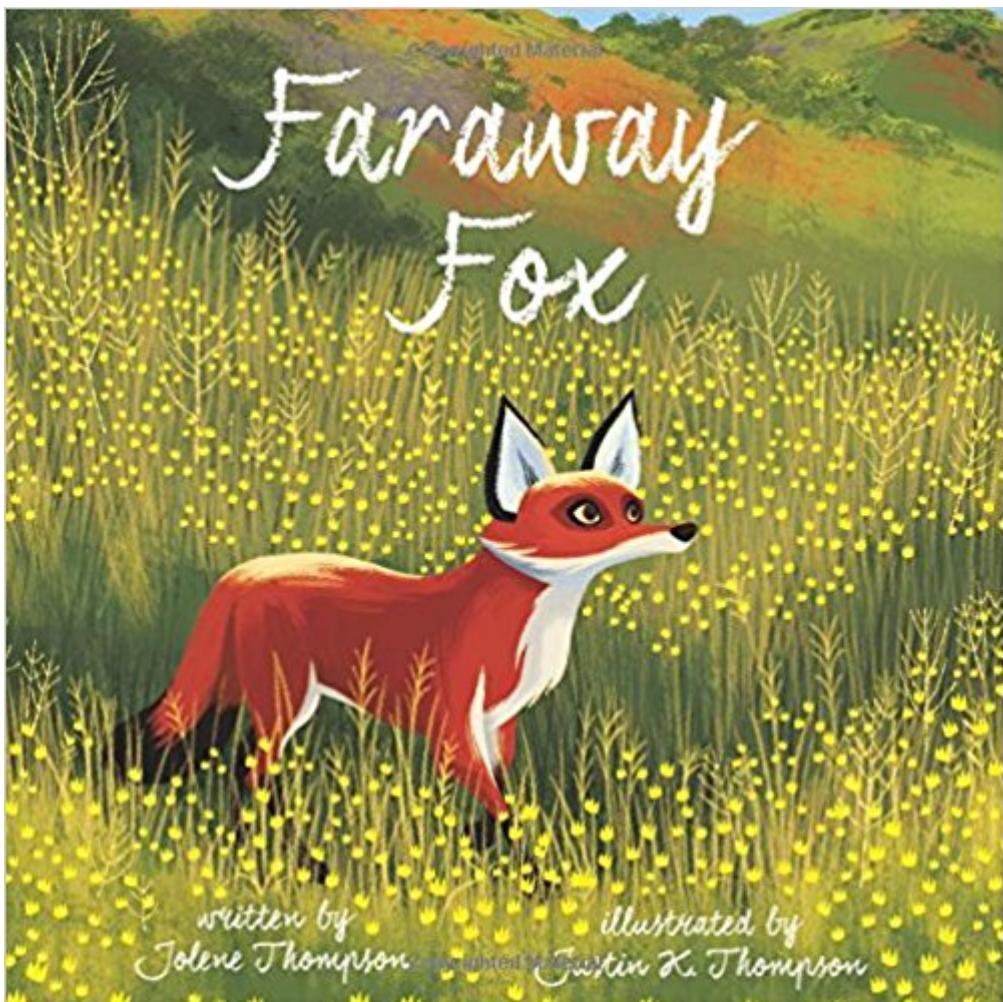


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## Faraway Fox



## Synopsis

As Fox wanders through a strange landscape, he cannot help but be reminded of the streams, the trees, and the family he once knew. Fox would like nothing more than to return to his home, but it seems the cityscape has built up around him. Follow Fox as he looks for a way back home to the wild green land where every fox belongs. Back matter shows readers the creative ways humans are helping to mitigate habitat encroachment in our towns and cities.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 Due to suburban sprawl, a young fox has been separated from others of his kind. Readers hear his thoughts about missing his mother's advice and hunting skills, the games he played with his brother and sister, and the roaming he did with his father. All the while, he seems to be the only fox around and is navigating forlornly the human-made world that has grown up around him. Eventually, he notices a new kind of human development—a huge tunnel being built to connect the urban area with a wildlife preserve, which now allows him to reconnect with many other foxes. He is home again. This story would make a suitable read-aloud for young children, but it must be accompanied by an age-appropriate explanation of habitats. Factual information about special wildlife tunnels and bridges around the world and their importance in helping to minimize humans'

toll on habitat destruction is appended. The art is clear and spans spreads completely with colorful saturation. VERDICT A primary purchase where young naturalists abound. —Maggie Chase, Boise State University, ID

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This is an important topic for young children and adults. I wasn't aware of this attempt to build underpasses and overpasses for wild animals so they can travel through their habitat and not get hit on roads by encroaching humans into their habitats. In this story the fox sees all of the construction of buildings, and new roads, make inroads into his habitat. He gets separated from his family. But, fortunately a wildlife underpass is built, and the fox, who has been looking for his mother, brother, sister etc. has a happy reunion with his family in the forest. The illustrations are lovely. They show all of the ways humans have used what used to be the wild animals' land to roam. It has a happy ending and prompts a worthy discussion on caring for animals. It would be a good library and classroom read - especially if you're doing a unit on conservation and animals. Great for young children 4 years through 2nd grade. It is narrated by the fox, and there are several sentences per page.

Wow! Thought provoking. Beautiful, interesting illustrations. The story was a bit "heavy" for my preschooler initially, but it held her interest more than any other book we've read lately. Lots of questions from her, lots of explanations from me. I don't shelter my children from the realities of this sort of topic, but, without knowing where the book was going, the mood in the beginning was very somber and hard to explain. The ending was great and invoked a lot of conversation about the topic of wildlife and urban sprawl (in the context that a 4-year-old can understand). I know that my little one will grab this book the next time we sit down for a story!

I am a big fan of books that are not only entertaining, but are also educational. Faraway Fox is the perfect tool to teach young children about the effects humans have on animals and their habitats. I especially appreciated the author's note at the end that described the inspiration behind the book, as well as what different organizations are doing to try and protect wildlife. I had never heard of wildlife crossing structures, as there are not many in the United States, so even I learned something new. It even includes two real life examples of these wildlife crossing structures in the world. The overall tone of this book isn't exactly happy, but it does end on a good note. The illustrations are absolutely stunning! With all the gorgeous trees with changing leaves, this book definitely gives off a fall vibe, so this book would be perfect to pick up around autumn time.

Beautiful book. I don't even have kids, and I'm going to buy this.

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