

If You Were a Parrot

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“Rawson and Rogers explore the world of parrots in this vibrant celebration of children’s imaginative play. This is a book worth squawking about.” – *School Library Journal*

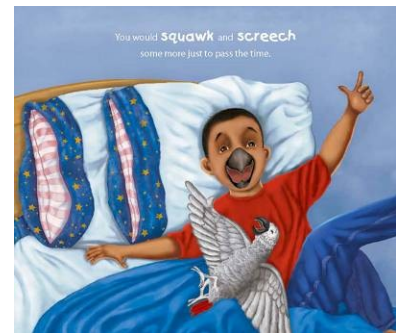
“Children need more books like this—ones that intrigue them and widen their view of the world. They will love the colorful illustrations, and will pick it up again and again.”

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“I was very impressed by the use of accurate coloration for the different species of parrots used in the book. I also liked the way the author pointed out some of the negative as well as positive aspects of living with a parrot. What a great way to stimulate and teach young minds at the same time.” - *National Parrot Rescue & Preservation Foundation*

Just what does a pet parrot do all day?

Find out in *If You Were a Parrot* as children imagine what life would be like as a pet parrot. Together readers will climb around the house with four-toed parrot feet, then chew wooden spoons, popsicle sticks, and even a telephone directory with their hooked parrot beaks. The parrot fun continues by eating delicious vegetables like broccoli and squawking, talking, bathing, and finally snuggling down for the night.



Children, parents, and teachers will love the “**For Creative Minds**” educational section, which was vetted for scientific accuracy by educators at SeaWorld and the National Aviary. The section includes:

- What is a bird?
- Information on parrot adaptations
- Where in the world are parrots found?
- A “Make-a-Beak” craft
- An “Are you ready for a pet parrot?” checklist

There are also “**Related Websites**” and “**Teaching Activities**” on Arbordale Publishing’s website, www.ArbordalePublishing.com, to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!



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About the Author and Illustrator



Katherine Rawson was inspired to write this book by watching her own pet parrot, Shadow—a small green parrot with a big personality. When Katherine is not playing with, reading or writing about parrots, she teaches English as a Second Language at a community college and works as a freelance writer. Katherine is a former elementary school teacher and lives in Vermont.

Sherry Rogers spent twelve years as a corporate graphic designer and artist before “leaving it all behind” for the freelance world. Her first book, *Counting Little Geckos*, was published in the summer of 2005. In addition to illustrating *If You Were a Parrot*, Sherry has illustrated *Kersplatypus*, *Burro’s Tortillas* and the newly released *Sort It Out!*, all for Arbordale. Sherry, her husband and two children live in Northern California. To learn more about Sherry’s work, visit her website, www.sherry-rogers.com.



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