



Count Down to Fall

By Fran Hawk

Illustrated by Sherry Neidigh

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The summer days get a little colder....

The leaves turn from green to orange and red. Fall must be on the way, and while you unpack sweaters and scarves, the animals frolic outside in the crisp autumn air beneath a wide blue sky. In Fran Hawk's *Count Down to Fall*, watch the falling leaves tumble all around. The vibrant and detailed illustrations of Sherry Neidigh capture the majesty of the maple, the oak, the linden, and more. Critters play in the time of changing seasons, and remind us that the changes of the earth affect us all—animals and humans alike!

The "For Creative Minds" educational section includes:



- Leaves—The Shape of It All
 - Plant Parts
 - What Good Are Plants?
- Match the Leaves and the Trees



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About the Author and Illustrator

Fran Hawk's favorite things are children, books, and writing. Writing children's books is her dream come true, because it combines all three. Fran resides in South Carolina, and when the famous Hunley submarine was raised from Charleston harbor, she wrote a children's book about the event. Her next book was called *Ten Tips for Raising Readers*, in which Fran shares all the best information she had gathered about bringing children and books together. One autumn afternoon, Fran was walking as leaves drifted down all around her. She realized she only knew the names of a few of them, so she got some leaf books from the library and worked on identifying them. Then, she thought it would be interesting to write a children's book that would make it fun to learn the names of leaves. The result was *Count Down to Fall*.



Sherry Neidigh, a graduate of Ringling School of Art and Design, has been freelance illustrating for over twelve years. Sherry's love of animals and nature comes through in her bright, colorful art. In addition to illustrating *Count Down to Fall*, and *The Best Nest* for Sylvan Dell, Sherry has illustrated several trade and education titles including *Who Needs That Nose?*, *If I Had a Tail*, and *Black and White*. Sherry lives in South Carolina. For more information about Sherry, visit her website at <http://www.sherryneidigh.com/>.



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