



Felina's New Home: *A Florida Panther Story*

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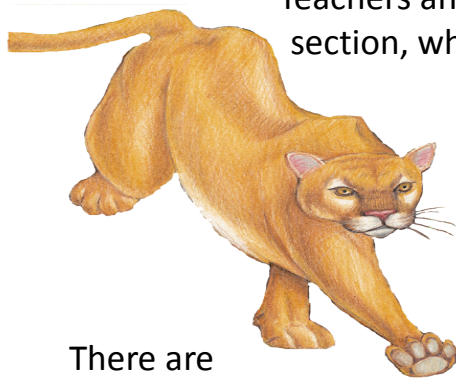
Felina's forest is shrinking...

Felina the Florida panther loves growing up in her forest home, until the forest starts to shrink! Trees begin to disappear, and Felina doesn't understand the new busy highway in the neighborhood. Other animals are in danger, too. Will Felina find a way to survive as humans threaten to ruin her home? Environmental science writer Loran Wlodarski gives children a look into deforestation and endangered animals in *Felina's New Home: A Florida Panther Story*, complemented by the detailed, emotive illustrations of Lew Clayton. Learn whether the animals in Felina's forest adapt to the new human presence and what children can do to keep wild animals safe, happy and healthy.

"You'll find a lot of food for thought here, and you and your child will be encouraged to think about how our choices affect our environment and our animal neighbors." - **Eclectic Homeschool Online**

"From Felina's story, children will learn of wildlife in many areas of the world, and how human changes affect their habitats. Children will also gain knowledge of ways they can help." - **BookLoons**

Teachers and parents will love the "For Creative Minds" educational section, which includes the following educational activities:



- Florida Panther Fun Facts
- Florida Panther Life Cycle
- Endangered and Threatened Animals
- Match the Animal Information

There are also "Related Websites," "Interactive Math, Reading, and Comprehension Quizzes," and "Teaching Activities" on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website, <http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com>, to help parents and educators extend the learning possibilities! Thanks to Deborah Jansen, Wildlife Biologist, and Lisa Andrews, Outreach/Education Specialist at Big Cypress National Preserve; and to David Shindle, Biologist at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, for verifying the accuracy of the information in this book.

About the Author/Illustrator

Loran Wlodarski (*Felina's New Home* and *If a Dolphin Were a Fish*) is a science writer. He has been published in sources such as Grolier's Encyclopedia for Children and The Marine Mammal Encyclopedia. In addition, he has served as a scientific consultant for "Ask Magazine", Random House Books, Animal Planet, Ripley's Believe It Or Not, and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Loran has raised animals his entire life. One of his early jobs at SeaWorld's Education Department was to raise some of their animals - newly hatched sharks, macaws, turtles, tropical fish, and iguanas. Loran lives with his wife and child in Florida.

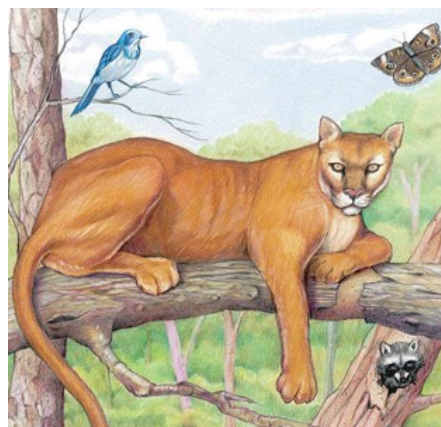


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