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A Day at a Zoo

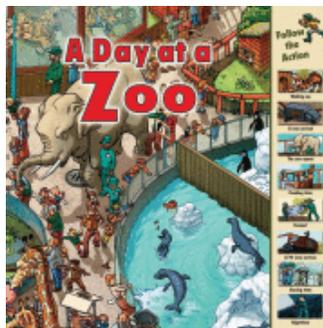
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Harrison, Sarah. *A Day at a Zoo*. Illustrated by Sarah Harrison. Millbrook Press, 2009. ISBN 9781580138000. \$6.95. 24 p.

Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Picture Books;

Subject: Zoo animals--Juvenile literature; Zoos--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

A Day at a Zoo shows the scheduled inner-workings of the zoo keepers and animals. The early morning and late night illustrations are heavily layered in blue, representing the time of day through the painting's tone. The pen and ink watercolor illustrations allow for the participation segment of the book. On the left-hand side of the page, a vertical white stripe challenges readers to find certain characters with pictures of people, objects, and animals. The right-hand stripe shows a clock indicating what time each activity is taking place. The glossary at the back gives definitions and details of characters to young readers. A list of other books and websites are given for similar books and activities.

This entertaining book is filled with colorful art and curving lines of action. Exotic animals are introduced with pictures for the developing young reader. Time-telling pictures of clocks can help children practice time skills. Seek and find activities can help children pay attention to detail. The glossary available in the back of the book can help the children gain a clear understanding and increase their vocabulary. Parents, kids, and teachers can have a fun time reading this book, looking for anything from an okapi to a raccoon.

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