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The Bat Scientists

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Carson, Mary Kay. *The Bat Scientists*. Illustrated by Tom Uhlman. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010. ISBN 9780547199566. \$18.99. 80 p.

Reviewer: Lauren McMullan

Reading level: Primary, intermediate

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Bats--Research--Juvenile literature; Mammalogists--Juvenile literature;

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Merlin Tuttle has been an innovative friend to the bat community since high school. Barbara French works for Bat Conservation International, debunking negative myths about bats, and gives her professional and personal time as a bat rescuer and rehabilitator. Jim Kennedy works to keep caves a safe place for all bats, but particularly the hibernating kind.

Tuttle, French, and Kennedy are just a few of the scientists introduced in this fascinating book on one of the most misunderstood mammals in the world. Following the superb previous work of the *Scientists in the Field* series this newest installment continues to contain cutting edge news and is full of wonderful diagrams, photos, and information. *The Bat Scientist* is a great companion book to *Project Seahorse* for children or students looking to learn more about interesting animals and the conservation efforts that help protect them.

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