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### The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats: A Scientific Mystery

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# Book Review

**Title:** The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown

**Bats: A Scientific Mystery**

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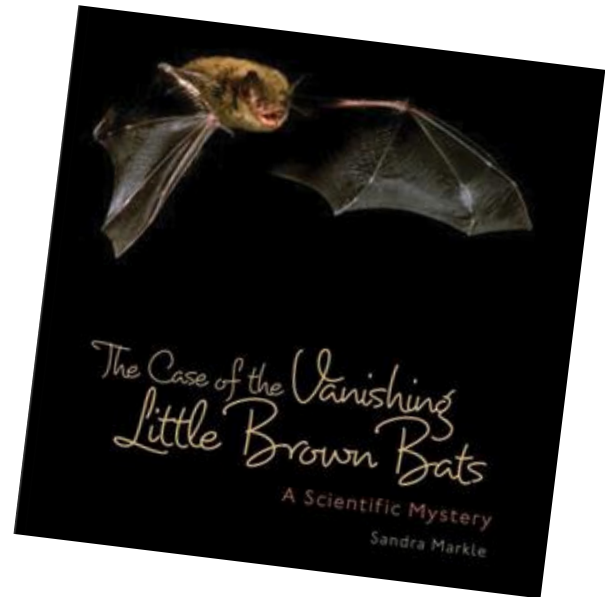
**Publication Year:** 2015

**ISBN:** 9781467714631

**Number of Pages:** 48

**Interest Level:** Primary

**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

This book explores the mystery of why little brown bats are disappearing and the problems their disappearance could cause. Because bats eat insects that do damage to crops and transmit diseases, bats are important to the ecosystem. Researchers learned that these bats were dying in large numbers in 2007, and since then they have tried to find out why they keep dying and why the bats were flying during the winter when they should have been hibernating. The book explores what hibernating bats need to survive, what the killers could possibly be, the process it took to find the killer, and the current work being done to try to save the bats.

This book is a good introduction to bats, the scientific process, and a few ways that animals could possibly go extinct. The back of the book has recommendations to help bats and a glossary to explain some of the more difficult vocabulary. The photographs of the bats help show the problems that these tiny creatures face. The way the book shows steps of a scientific investigation and possible causes, even the ones that turned out to be false, will please future scientists and other people interested in the scientific process.