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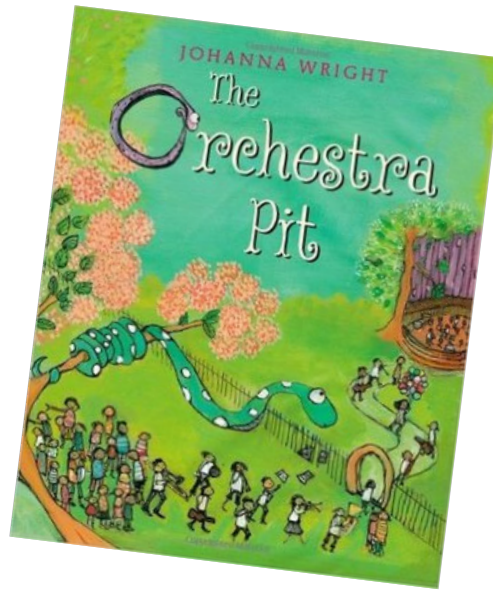
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Book Review

Title: The Orchestra Pit
Author: Johanna Wright
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Publisher: Roaring Brook Press
Publication Year: 2014
ISBN: 9781596437692
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Dependable



Review

A snake is lost. This snake is very sure that it's in the wrong pit, because instead of a snake pit, it's found its way into the orchestra pit. The snake explores the orchestra pit for a while, discovering that trumpets are loud, tubs are roomy, and trombones are long. The snake is unaware of what is spooking the orchestra members and keeps looking at the different kinds of instruments. Soon the orchestra begins playing and the snake leaves the wrong pit and finally makes it into the right one.

This book is an excellent way to introduce children to a few animals as well as the main instruments of an orchestra. Parts of the story seem to be missing, like how the snake came to be lost in the orchestra pit or why it decides that the snake pit is much better, but the story is amusing and simple enough to accomplish its teaching purposes. This book is a playful introduction to how snakes can be friendly and to the musical world.