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# The Knowing Book

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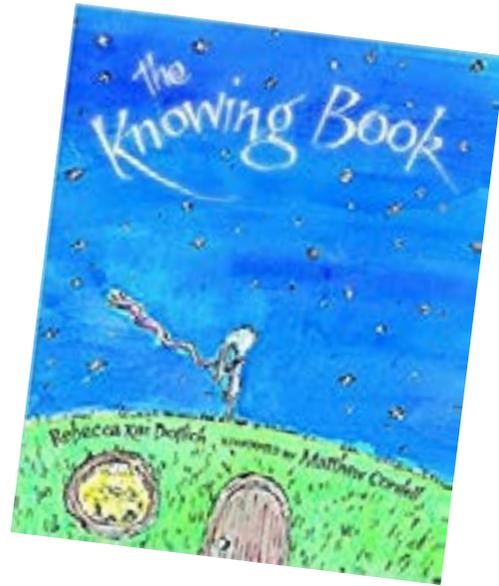
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# Book Review

**Title:** The Knowing Book  
**Author:** Rebecca Kai Dotlich  
**Illustrator:** Matthew Cordell  
**Reviewer:** Nicole Davis  
**Publisher:** Boyds Mills Press  
**Year:** 2016  
**ISBN:** 9781590789261  
**Pages:** 32  
**Interest Level:** Primary, Intermediate, Young Adult  
**Rating:** Excellent

## Review



It is time to take a journey to an unknown destination, and all that you need you already know or you will discover along the way. *The Knowing Book* is a guide to life that encourages readers to interact with life and with the world around them. A small bunny starts on his journey with a backpack and a scarf and a contagious optimistic attitude. Each page is full of advice: "Take time to imagine something, or let something imagine you." The bunny's journey ends as he finds his way back home, having experienced the good and bad that led him home.

*The Knowing Book* is not plot-based but rather a message of inspirational encouragement to readers on their own journeys. Sometimes the advice is contradictory, but so is life. It might be a little philosophical for a younger audience, but older children and adults will more easily decode its meaning. The illustrations are in muted tones with a sketch-like quality to them, which lends a more thoughtful and abstract tone to the story. The overarching theme of the story is for the readers to trust themselves and know that there are constants in the world that can be relied on like the stars or coming home.