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The saguaro (sa-WAH-ro) cactus is a plant that grows in the Sonoran desert. Its flowers bloom on only one night each year. The animals that come to see the saguaro cactus bloom include pollinating fruit bats, howling mice, rattlesnakes, and more. Join these creatures as they explore the desert landscape and wait for the one night each summer that the beautiful saguaro flowers can be seen in full bloom.

The author does a wonderful job of adding detail and color to this story of a cactus. The illustrations are vibrant and intriguing, just as the cactus is beautiful and green. Each animal plays a different role in the life of the saguaro cactus and each is described more fully in an index at the end of the book. The author also includes a simple life cycle of the saguaro cactus with descriptions of each part of the plant. These extra explanations add to the story of an otherwise unknown plant. Readers who enjoy nature and illustrations will enjoy this book.