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## Book Review

# Monkey Time

### Author

Michael Hall

### Illustrator

Michael Hall

### Reviewer

Lindsey Smith

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### Rating

Significant Shortcomings

### Level

Toddler, Preschool

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### Pages

39

### Year

2019

### ISBN

9780062383020

### Publisher

Greenwillow Books

Is it possible to make time concrete? In his book *Monkey Time*, author Michael Hall attempts to do just that. When Monkey wakes up, sixty small minute dots are waiting to play with him. Monkey sits in the middle of a clock and chases each one as it races around it. Pretty soon sixty minutes have gone by, and then the minutes fly away.

Hall's effort to make time more concrete is an admirable one, although the book is not terribly straightforward. The minutes don't do much more than fill in slots on a clock, and there is no explanation (until the story is over) about what seconds, minutes, and hours are. The illustrations of the story, however, are beautiful renderings of the rainforest, and there is some added information about the animals seen in the story at the end as well. Although a bit confusing, with a lot of adult and child discussion, this could be a good resource to help children better understand time.