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Woodpecker Wham!

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**Book Review**

**Title:** Woodpecker Wham!  
**Author:** April Pulley Sayre  
**Illustrator:** Steve Jenkins  
**Reviewer:** Sarah Willie  
**Publisher:** Henry Holt and Company  
**Publication Year:** 2015  
**ISBN:** 9780805088427  
**Number of Pages:** 36  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Excellent

**Review**

Swoop, flap, and fly through the world of woodpeckers in April Pulley Sayre’s *Woodpecker Wham!* Sayre’s carefully chosen rhymes take readers into the woods to observe woodpeckers up close. The detailed illustrations by Steve Jenkins are done in a collage style using layers of paper. There are scenes of woodpeckers building homes, hiding from predators, cleaning themselves, and raising fledglings. There are informational pages at the end of the book that go into detail about what’s happening on each page of the book. It covers feeding, home building, raising babies, etc.

This book could be used for younger readers at the elementary/preschool level to glean simple vocabulary such as bill or fledgling. They would also learn basic concepts about how woodpeckers live. Older readers at the upper elementary/middle level can go into more detail using the information provided at the back of the text. The illustrations help to reinforce concepts taught about woodpeckers. *Woodpecker Wham!* is a fresh take on presenting factual information to readers while feeling like they’re reading a simple story.