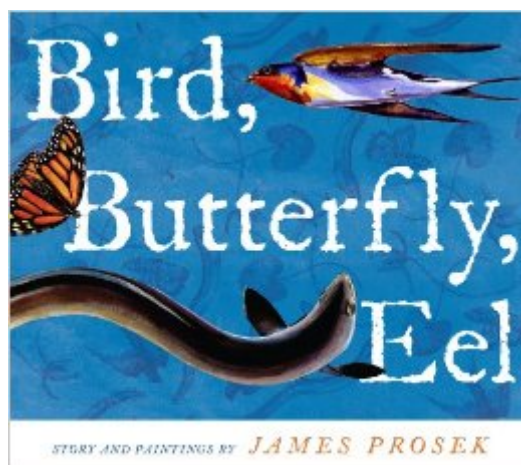


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# Bird, Butterfly, Eel



## Synopsis

Change is all around us. From the first buds of springtime to the first autumn frost, nature shows us that change is all around us and that the world has its own way of beginning anew. Bird, Butterfly, and Eel spend their summers on the same coastal farm, but in the fall they go to very distant and different places. Their journeys to the far reaches of land and sea make them remarkable creatures. James Prosek uses their stories and his own sun-kissed paintings to introduce young readers to the basic elements of bird, fish, and insect migration.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Prosek has an amazing ability to capture nature's magic and wonder. From the endpapers to the carefully considered last spread, Prosek's respect for children and his astonishing skill shines on every page. It is award worthy, and an essential addition to any thinking child's library. As someone who has been around kid's and children's media for a long time, this book deserves to be championed and treasured.

It's summertime and the cat carefully makes his way along the stone wall on the farm. The eel, the bird and the butterfly are hidden in the landscape. The beautiful monarch is sitting on a flower. "She lives in the meadow behind the pond." The eel is just below the surface in "the dark cool waters of

the pond." The bullfrog on the lily pad doesn't see him, nor does the black cat. The barn swallow is tending her nest in the barn while the cat peers into the loft from below. "She loves being safe, high up in the rafters . . ." They are all continuing their individual lifestyles from early spring through the summer and into the fall, when it is time for yet another change. It will soon be cold and they will have to leave the farm and begin a long journey to the south. Along the way they will briefly meet other creatures before going on their own paths. Later on in the spring they will return to the farm. This beautiful book gently takes the reader through the yearly cycle of three creatures often seen on a farm. The artwork is graceful, beautiful and bright when called for and more muted as needed. For example the barn is shadowy and dark, but the ocean scenery has vibrant blue hues. In the back of the book are facts about each creature and tells why they migrate and do not stay on the farm.

What a nice way of talking about the changing of the seasons and the life cycles of each of the creatures. The pictures are beautiful. My grandchildren (age 4 & 18 months) love this book.

I really enjoy the artist and the writer. He put a very interesting story together to read to children.

This book is beautifully illustrated and is nicely informative, but as with many children's books written by nature and science illustrators, the register is inconsistent. Some pages read like they're intended for third graders, and others like they're meant for kindergarteners,

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