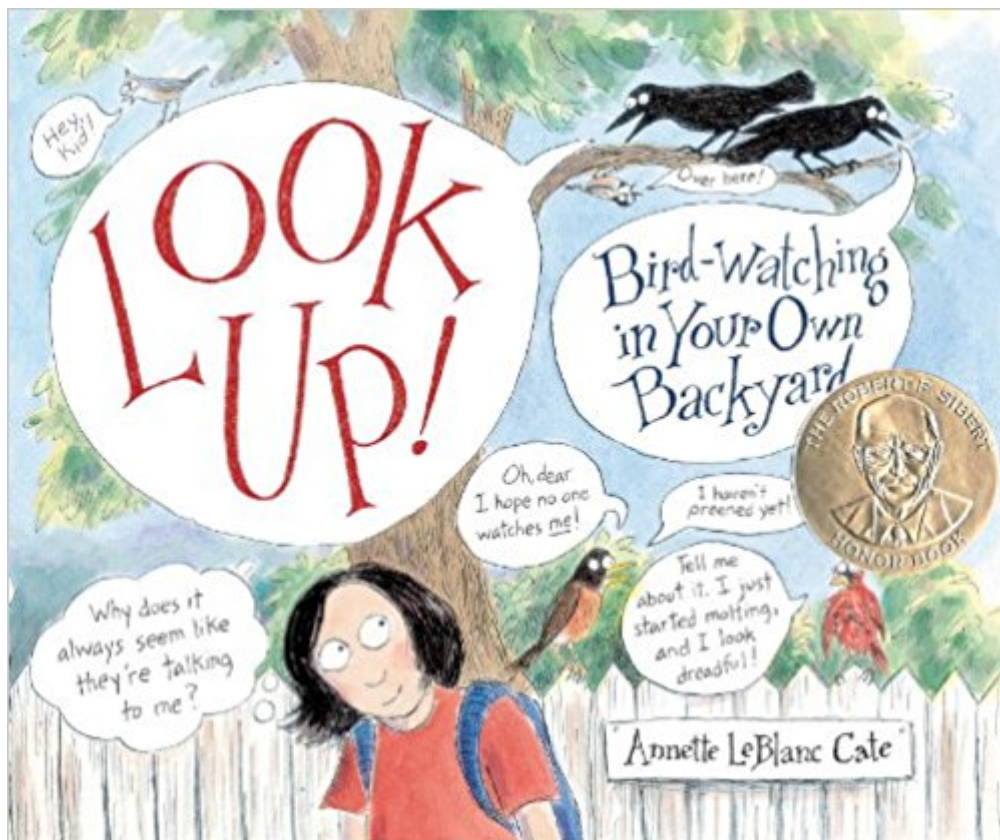


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# Look Up!: Bird-Watching In Your Own Backyard (Robert F. Sibert Informational Honor Books)



## Synopsis

A 2014 Robert F. Sibert Honor Book You don't have to own binoculars and know a bunch of fancy Latin names to watch birds! No matter where you live, they're in your neighborhood - just look up. This conversational, humorous introduction to bird-watching encourages kids to get outdoors with a sketchbook and really look around. Quirky full-color illustrations portray dozens of birds chatting about their distinctive characteristics, including color, shape, plumage, and beak and foot types, while tongue-in-cheek cartoons feature banter between birds, characters, and the reader ("Here I am, the noble spruce grouse. In a spruce grove. Eating some spruce. Yep."). Interactive and enjoyable tips bring an age-old hobby to new life for the next generation of bird-watchers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 3-5-With its emphasis on looking at the birds near home-from suburbs to inner cities-this invitation to bird-watching is an engaging addition to any collection. By grouping birds by colors, shapes, behaviors, feathers, calls, habitat, migration, and more, the spreads highlight the multitude of avian features to be observed. Cate emphasizes the importance of observation and includes sketching instructions as a way to hone those skills on the individual aspects of a bird along with its species' characteristics. Each page is filled with full-color illustrations. At first glance they may

appear crowded and busy, but the detailed drawings are charming, lively, and fun. Humorous dialogue bubbles feature bird "thoughts" in accessible language. Comic human observations are also included: "Are those pesky birds pooping on my windowsill again?" Lots of fun-and informative.-Frances E. Millhouser, formerly at Chantilly Regional Library, Fairfax County, VA (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

In this amiable guidebook that encourages readers to observe and wonder about the birds around them, Cate presents plenty of relevant information while sharing her clear enthusiasm for the subject. Accompanied with bright illustrations on every page, the text introduces topics such as birdsâ™ distinctive colors, shapes, feathers, sounds, habitats, behavioral traits, migration, and classification. Cate is an artist who came to birding through sketching outdoors, and she creates a friendly, enthusiastic tone through her conversational writing style, accessible ink-and-watercolor artwork, and speech balloons that give individual birds and people an informative, fanciful, or amusing voice. While she recommends a number of field guides as additional resources, she suggests that readers consult them only after they have taken the time to become aware of the birds in their own neighborhoods. A relatively brief introduction to a broad field of study, this title will engage readers with its well-presented information spiced with visual and verbal humor. Grades 3-5.  
--Phelan, Carolyn

My husband considers this book as a teaching level (he researches and teaches birds at college level). I enjoy the illustrations and the combination of text and comics presentation. This book is both entertaining and educational - good both for beginner birder-watchers and children (to enjoy and learn from) and for expert birders (just for fun). We bought a copy as a gift, then another for ourselves and another as a gift.

Very nice, but a bit more advanced than i'd hoped for a preschooler.

Cute, cute book ... pair it with a nice pair of kid size binoculars (about \$20.) and you'll have a nice gift for a five year old. I did!

This was awesome and tells us about the birds we see in our own backyards. Some of them you really don't stop and think about being in your yard. It was fun to read it to the kids and then make

toilet paper binoculars that they take outside and can look for the birds in the book.

I love this book! It presents a bit like a comic book and is loaded with fun and interesting info. You and your kiddos will learn and laugh a lot while reading this. I loved it so much I've ordered a few more to keep in my present closet.

What a great book. This is the kind of book I would really have liked when I was a kid. Recommend getting a copy of this book.

Wonderful and engaging book on birds for children. Fun to read and an informative introduction to birdwatching. My nine year old reads it over and over again.

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