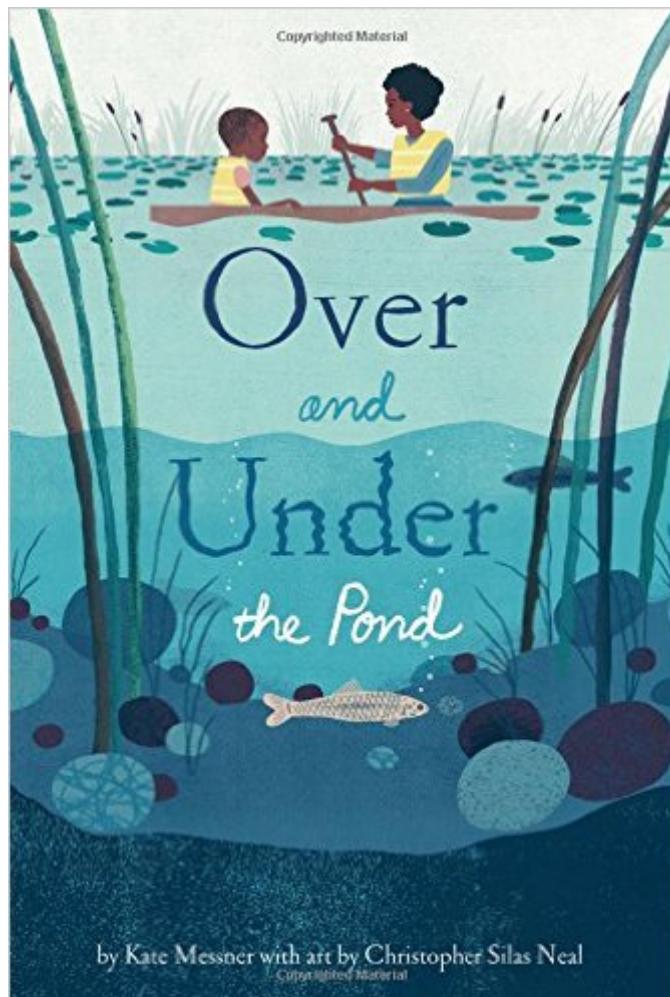


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# Over And Under The Pond



## **Synopsis**

In this gorgeous companion to the acclaimed Over and Under the Snow and Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt, Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal bring to life a secret underwater world. In this book, readers will discover the plants and animals that make up the rich, interconnected ecosystem of a mountain pond. Over the pond, the water is a mirror, reflecting the sky. But under the pond is a hidden world of minnows darting, beavers diving, tadpoles growing. These and many other secrets are waiting to be discovered...over and under the pond.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

"A contemplative journey through an ecosystem."--USA Today "Playful and lovely to read aloud. even older budding naturalists will find something to enjoy here."-School Library Journal "Dazzling."-Publishers Weekly, starred review "Conveys the sights and sounds and motions of a peaceful day spent enjoying and observing nature."-The Horn Book Magazine

Kate Messner is the award-winning author of more than a dozen other books for young readers, including Over and Under the Snow, Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt Over and Under the Snow, Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt, and How to Read a Story. When she's not writing,

she loves spending time outside. Kate lives in New York with her family. Christopher Silas Neal is an award-winning illustrator. He is a regular contributor to the New York Times and shows his art at various galleries nationwide. He currently lives and works in Brooklyn and teaches at Pratt Institute.

"Over the pond we slide, splashing through lily pads, sweeping through reeds. The water's a mirror, reflecting the sky. Sunshine and clouds - then a shadow below. 'What's down there?' I ask. 'Under the pond?' Mom says. Under the pond is a whole hidden world of minnows and crayfish, turtles and bullfrogs. We're paddling over them now.' " And so begins the third in Messner's Over and Under series. The rhythms and pattern of the opening pages echo her other two Over and Under books, creating a familiarity before the book is barely begun. Once again, Messner uses alteration, rhythm, and rhyme, in addition to descriptive metaphor ("minnows dart though waving forests of grass") to describe the pond eco-system, both above and below the waterline. These books are perfect bits of picture book nature writing: engaging, interactive, educational, fun, and beautifully written in their simplicity. Beautiful illustrations enhance the story, adding a whole other dimension to the work.

I loved the Over and Under the Snow book by the same author, so I picked this book up as well. This book follows a mother and son as they canoe on the pond. They are African American and I was very pleased to see the diversity. The book shows what is going on above and under the water of the pond including things that I never knew about before. The story was not overly exciting, but the images really help bring the text to life and you can find and name the animals on every page. I am glad to own it.

We love this book. The illustrations are beautiful, story is poetic and educational. There is also a back index with specifics on the animals and insects mentioned throughout the story.

I love this addition to the "Over and Under" books! A fun way to introduce children to the wonders of nature!

Wonderful book. An excellent exploration/explanation of pond life ecosystems for my 2 & 4 year olds.

Wonderful story to use for habitat lessons for preschoolers. The series have proved to be so helpful teaching my class.

Love this new book by Kate Messner. Lovely illustrations, rhythmic text, great book for exploring a pond.

These books are great, we read them a couple times per week.

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