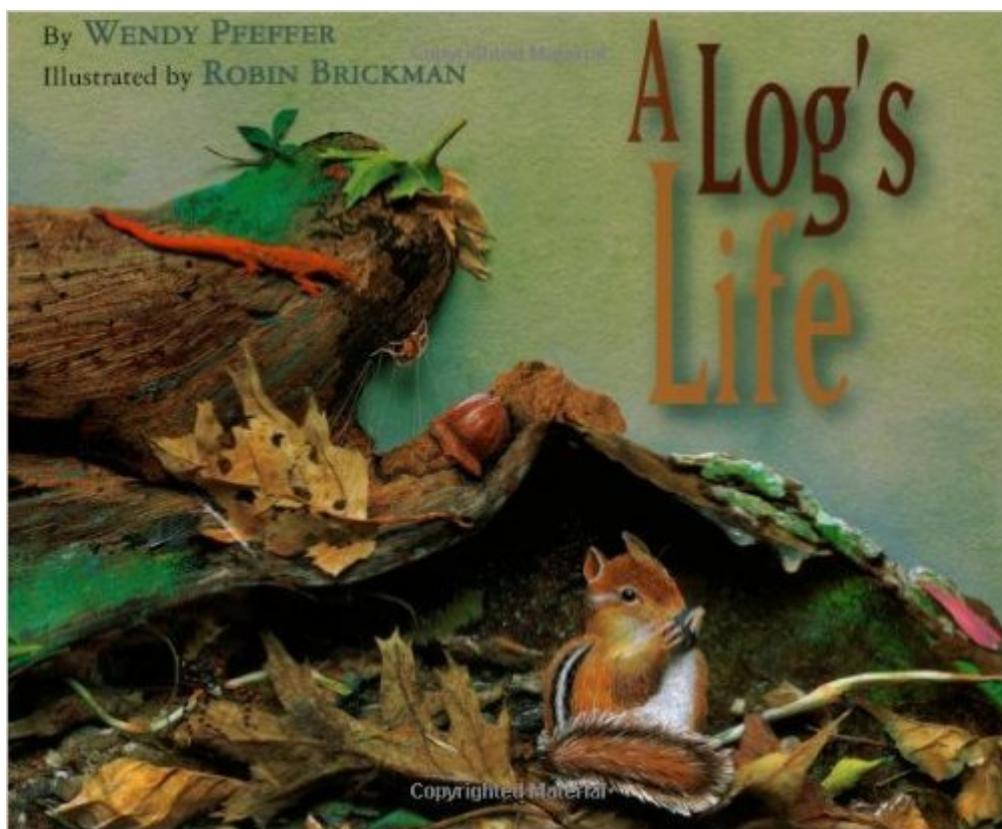


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# A Log's Life



## **Synopsis**

One stormy day a strong wind rages through the forest, causing an old oak tree to bend and sway. Lightning strikes; the tree crashes to the ground. Now it's a giant log. In this fascinating book, author Wendy Pfeffer and illustrator Robin Brickman introduce readers to the life cycle of a tree. The informative, lyrical text is complemented by stunning, three-dimensional paper sculptures that showcase the forest ecosystem, inspiring readers to take a close look at the trees -- and logs -- in their own backyards.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

"A Log's Life" is a little masterpiece of children's literature that can become a child's favorite book. The amazing paper-sculpture photo illustrations of Robin Brickman and the sparse but powerful alliterative language of author Wendy Pfeffer unite to tell an important ecological story about the life OF a log and the life IN a log. No wonder this book won the 2000 Giverny Award for best children's science picture book! What's fun for children is searching for and finding the organisms in Brickman's artwork on succeeding pages, once each has been initially introduced in the text. And later, when they hike in the woods with their parents, they can actually SEE this story come alive in nature itself.

I absolutely love this book and have used it with a variety of ages. Not only is the information clear and accurate, but the illustrations are outstanding. They are done all in paper (watercolored first) and are photographs of 3D "dioramas". Not only can you use this book to introduce life cycles, decomposition, etc. but you can use it as a lead in to some great art projects!

My 2 year old daughter loves this book, and so do I. The drawings are incredible (more so when you read that they are completely in water color), the text is beautiful and worth reading again and again(even though we often just marvel at the pictures and don't read all the text at my daughter's age), and what I so appreciate is the highly accurate description of log ecology,that is done so at a level exciting and accessible to a child. If you aren't well-versed in the ecology of rotting logs, this will be a great resource for you as a parent, as well, prior to "field trips" to the woods!

Annually, I lead the 1st grade students of a primary school in PA on woodland ecology walks. One of the main focal points of our explorations is uncovering the treasures (amphibians, insects, etc.) hidden beneath the fallen logs on the forest floor. This book provides a very nice intro to the cycle of an oak tree, from seedling, to mature tree, to the decomposition of the fallen tree, as a log, which enriches the soil for the next generation of oak seedlings. It also wonderfully illustrates the diversity of life that contributes to the log's breakdown and the creatures that depend on the micro-habitat of a fallen log for their survival. The artwork is wonderfully intricate, yet accessible to the children I read it to.

A Log's Life was a perfect addition to my 3rd grade science unit. We were studying the life cycles of plants and animals and how they provide shelter and food for animals and plants throughout the process. It was just right for my students to comprehend. The pictures are wonderfully done!! I highly recommend this book to be a part of a classroom science library.

This beautiful book is a favorite! I have used it as a reading book for pleasure, and also for environmental science units for grades K - 5. All ages love it, and the kids take more from the incredible illustrations as they get older. Highly recommend for a home and/or classroom/school library!

Prior to this book it was difficult to get my son to sit through a book about anything other than trucks

and cars ("Mighty Machines"). This book has drastically increased my 3 year old son's interest in nature and has encouraged him to get outdoors. Love it!

Highly detailed, up-close and beautiful illustrations and text that tells the amazing story of the lifecycle of a tree and all the animals and life forms it supports when it falls as a log. A beautiful book!

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