

ABOUT

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Mike Rangner's work over the years can be found on anything from posters to food labels to educational publications. This is the first book Mike has illustrated for Rising Moon. He lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, daughter, son and dog.

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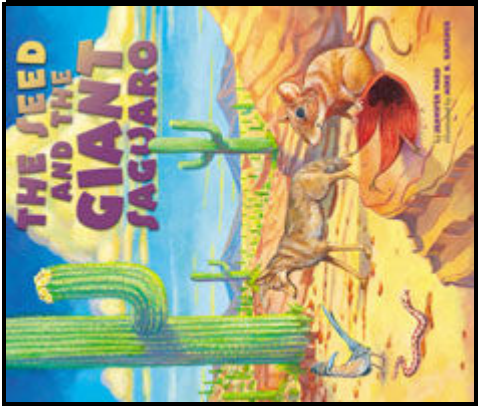
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It all begins with the tiniest of seeds.

”This is the seed that fell from the fruit then sunk in the ground and slowly took root, and grew to a giant saguaro.”

THEMATIC CONNECTIONS

- ❖ Biomes
- ❖ Rhyme
- ❖ Circular Stories
- ❖ Cumulative Stories
- ❖ Saguaros, animals and nature

Pre-reading

Group discussion questions:

- What do we know about the desert?
- What types of plants and animals live in the desert? How do plants and animals in the desert survive in a place that is so dry? Does it ever rain in the desert?

Knowledge

The title of the book is *The Seed and the Giant Saguaro*. What do you think the book will be about?

Comprehension

(After reading the story)

Describe in your own words what the story was about.

Application

How tall is a saguaro cactus that is your age? How are saguaros adapted to living in the desert? Can saguaros live anywhere? Why or why not?

Multiple Intelligence Activities for *The Seed and the Giant Saguaro*

Verbal/Linguistic

Write your own cumulative story

-or-

Write a series of haiku poems (5-7-5 syllables) about the scenes or animals in the book.

Visual/Spatial

Mike Ragner's illustrations are playful and warm. Search for the hidden animal on each page. Why did he hide an animal on each page?

Musical/Rhythmic

Encourage students to clap to the beat as the story is read.

Allow children to pantomime the animal actions and sounds.

Interpersonal

Choose an animal from *The Seed and the Giant Saguaro* to study. Create posters with facts about your animal and share what you learned.

Analyze

How is the environment in this book different from other places animals live, such as a forest, a prairie or your own backyard?

Synthesize

Imagine you are a desert animal.

Which animal would you be?

Where would you make your home?

Do you think the things the animals do in this book are true, or factual? Why or why not?

Evaluation

Which illustration is your favorite? Why?

Which part of the book is your favorite? Why?