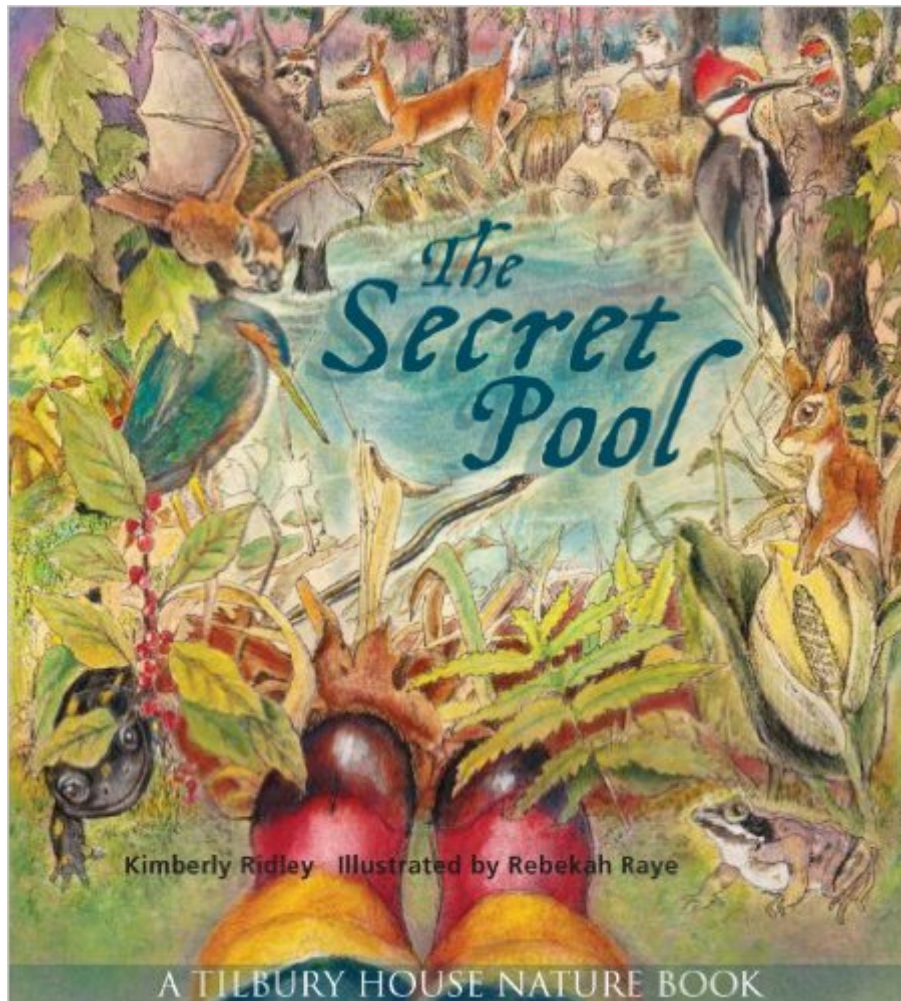


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# The Secret Pool (Tilbury House Nature Book)



## Synopsis

You might walk right by a vernal pool and not notice it. Often mistaken for mere puddles in the woods, vernal pools are the source of life for many interesting creatures. If you look carefully, you can find them and be amazed! These secret pools form every year when low places on the forest floor fill up with rain and melted snow. They soon become home to hatching wood frogs, spotted salamanders, and fairy shrimp. Even in late summer and fall, when many vernal pools have shrunk to mud holes, creatures such as turtles and snakes rely on them for shelter and food. The Secret Pool introduces young readers to the wonders right underfoot as the voice of a vernal pool shares its secrets through the seasons, and sidebars provide fun facts on its inhabitants and the crucial role these small, often overlooked wetlands play in maintaining a healthy environment. Winner, John Burroughs Association Riverby Award Winner, Lupine Award Winner, Skipping Stones Honor Award Color Throughout

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## Customer Reviews

This book is beautifully written and illustrated. It's bound to be a resource for me and my grandchildren when we go outside to explore. Both adults and children love the sights, word sounds

and action and information. There is plenty of learning and fun for the youngest naturalist as well as for the older brothers and sisters. I love that there is a teaching resource website listed for teachers. I'm going to give one to my grandchildren's kindergarten and 1st grade teachers.

What do you get when you put a naturalist and science writer with an illustrator who always reveals the shining light of all mother nature's creatures? Throw in some interesting facts and empathetic energy and you get -- The Secret Pool by Kimberley Ridley and Rebekah Raye. From fairy shrimp to wood frogs, the wonders of ecology are abundant in vernal pools. For a budding 21st century ecologist, I couldn't imagine a more relevant and mysterious book to nurture their curiosity and inquiry. I'm now in love with every smiling critter in the vernal pool and armed with information that could help protect their crucial habitat. Every home with children and every science classroom would benefit greatly by adding this treasure to their book shelf. Brilliant topic to address with children and a validation to their natural tendencies to discover what is there in their world and to imagine what the eye can't see.

This is a magical. eye-opening book. The text leads us through the seasons of life in the forest pools which dot our woodlands and which give birth and sustenance to creatures large and small. The illustrations, beyond being lovely, provide a window on the sentient nature of the life around us. My favorite page is the arrival in the pool of a big, hungry bull frog who comes there to lunch upon the pollywogs. Their worried eyes tell a story all their own. As I read the book to one of my granddaughters, I was grateful - for my own understanding and hers - for the scientific information provided along the way. Questions like, "What happens to the wood frogs when winter comes, Grandpa? Do they die?", need quick, reassuring answers. They're right there for you. Marvelous!

What a wonderful book...the perfect combination of author and illustrator. I will never walk by another pool in the woods without looking under the leaves to see what I learned from this book! A real winner!!!!

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