

When Bat was a Bird

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This was a wonderful book. So many good short stories told by Nick Greaves. And the beautiful pictures by David du Plessis leave you feeling like part of the story. A great book for children and adults alike.

Each story was accompanied by a page or two of facts about something in the story that you might not know of or haven't heard of. You learn some thing new from each and every page of the book. There are twenty four stories to read and share with friends and parents and sisters and brothers.

My favorite story would have to be Why the Reed Warbler Babbles. The birds in the story are all white to begin with. Then they see a field of flowers in all different colors. They decide that they want to be a different color. A more beautiful color. So they went to Lesa. He painted them with his brush from heaven. Each bird took their turn in changing into beautiful colors. And the whole time the reed warbler kept yelling, "Me Next! Me Next! I want to be just like the sunbird. I want to be all the colors of the rainbow!" This got on Lesa's nerves. He summoned the little bird and painted him . . .

What color do you think he got painted? What do you think happened to the other birds? Do you think that any bird wanted to stay white? If you want to find out I guess you'll have to get the book. This isn't the only great story in the book. In fact there wasn't a single story I didn't like!