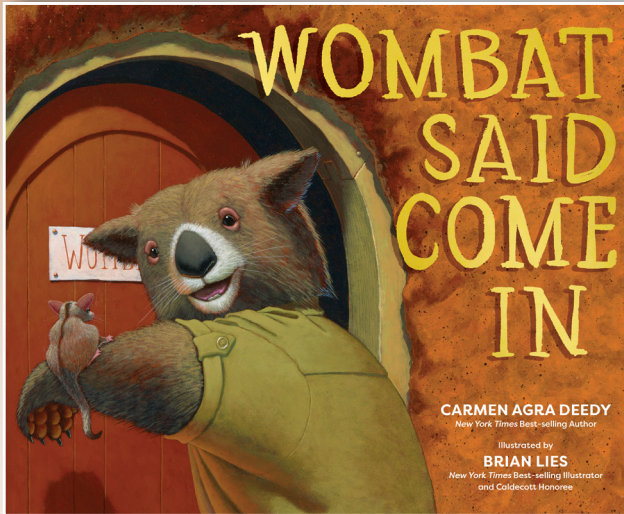


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## *Wombat Said Come In*

by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Brian Lies

★ "A superb read-aloud balancing messages about the environment and generosity with humor and heart."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred Review

### ABOUT THE BOOK

A kindhearted wombat offers refuge to a parade of animal friends during an Australian bushfire in a delightful new picture book from *New York Times* best-selling creators Carmen Agra Deedy and Brian Lies.

Australian bushfires roar above Wombat's home. He is fortunate that his burrow is deep below ground and he is safe. He snuggles under his crazy quilt and drinks his tea. Soon his frightened friend Wallaby shows up at his door. "Help, Wombat! I c-c-can't reach my home! M-m-may I stay with you awhile?" Wombat pauses only for a tick of the clock and says, "Come in!" Then, one by one, five uniquely Australian animals—Wallaby, Kookaburra, Platypus, Koala, and Sugar Glider—seek refuge from the fires, and Wombat welcomes them all. When you have the heart of a wombat, there's always room for one more!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Describe Wombat's home. Where is his home located? How does his home keep him safe from raging wildfires and dangerous weather? Point out the entrance to his house. Why is a chair blocking the door of his library? Discuss whether Wombat is aware of the wildfire when he is in his house.
- What are the footprints in the illustration when you first open the book? Explain the welcome mat in the illustration. How do the footprints and the welcome mat help establish the plot of the book? How many times does Wombat repeat his rhyming welcome?
- What is the trouble that comes knocking? Name all the animals that are seeking safe shelter at Wombat's house. Why are they certain that Wombat will give them a safe place to stay? In what ways are the animals rude guests?
- Explain why Wombat calls the day "odd." What is the oddest thing that happens? How does Wombat manage to stay calm?
- Study the illustration on pages 34–35. (Image is shown on the following page.) Describe the look on Wombat's face. What is he thinking? Why does he allow Sugar Glider to stay?
- Study the last illustration in the back of the book. How is it similar to the first illustration? Note the tiny bits of green on the page. What does this symbolize? How is there hope that things may return to normal for the animals?
- Take the quiz about wombats at the end of the book. Then check the answer key. How many did you get right? What is the most interesting fact about wombats?



"Thank you-you," said a small voice.  
Wombat frowned as he plucked Sugar  
Glider from his pocket.

"GO. HOME."

Sugar Glider sighed.  
"No home-home to go to-to."

Wombat's ears twitched.  
He clacked his teeth.  
He made an odd whickering sound.

And finally . . .

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## ABOUT THE CREATORS



**Carmen Agra Deedy**, a *New York Times* best-selling author and nationally known storyteller, has been writing and traveling around the world telling stories for more than thirty years. Her books have received numerous awards and honors, including a Pura Belpré Honor, a Christopher Award, a Jane Addams Honor, and a Bologna Ragazzi Award. Carmen has presented at many prestigious venues, including the Kennedy Center and the TED Conference, but children are her favorite audience. Born in Havana, Cuba, she came to the United States as a refugee and, like most immigrants, sees the world from multiple perspectives. She lives in Georgia.



**Brian Lies** has illustrated over thirty books, including the 2019 Caldecott Honor-winning *The Rough Patch*, which also won a Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Crystal Kite Award, and the *New York Times* best-selling Bat series. He now lives in a seaside town in Massachusetts with his wife, daughter, and two cats. His hobbies are bicycling, woodworking, and tending a big vegetable garden behind the house.