

ABOUT THE BOOK

Alexa and the other children at her *escuela* in Costa Rica have a special project: they are raising American crocodiles. She names her croc *Jefe*, which means "boss," because he seems to be in charge of all the other babies. Alexa brings him chicken and frogs to eat, and writes about his progress in her diary. Soon, her little hatchling is as big as a loaf of bread. He has grown into a juvenile and it is time for Alexa to say goodbye and for *Jefe* to return to the wild.

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CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

For Creative Minds

Where could you spot a croc? Learn about these endangered animals, their habitat, and so much more in the book's For Creative Minds section.

Topics include:

- Croco-what?
- Chompers
- Croc Conservation

The learning doesn't end in the For Creative Minds section; an extensive teaching activities guide is also available on Arbordalepublishing.com.

You can bet these croc facts are correct. This book has been vetted by John Brueggen, director of the St. Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park.

Classification Information

After While Crocodile will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

- Accelerated Reader: TBD
- Lexile: 770
- Fountas and Pinnell: O

Bisac Codes include:

- JUV002010 - Animals / Alligators & Crocodiles
- JNF037020- Science & Nature
- JUV030040 - People & Places / Caribbean & Latin

For educators, Arbordale has aligned this book to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core and all individual state standards this information is free and available on the book page, too!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Dr. Brady Barr is a reptile expert and television personality. In over 20 years, he's traveled to more than 80 countries for National Geographic Television to host over 100 wildlife documentaries. Among his many notable achievements, Brady was the first person to ever capture and study all 24 species of crocodilians in the wild. He is the author of multiple children's books about reptiles, a frequent contributor to *National Geographic Kids Magazine*, an ambassador for Nat Geo's Young Explorers Program in Asia, and an educator at the National Geographic Explorers Club for Kids.



Award-winning nature author Jennifer Keats Curtis is frequently found among students and teachers, talking about literacy and conservation. In addition to *After A While Crocodile: Alexa's Diary*, *The Lucky Litter: Wolf Pups Rescued from Wildfire*, the *Animal Helpers* series, *Baby Owl's Rescue*, *Kali's Story* (Children's Choice Book Award 2015), *Salamander Season*, *Primate School*, and *Turtles In My Sandbox* for Arbordale, some of Jennifer's other recent titles include *Seahorses*, *Osprey Adventure* and *Saving Squeak: The Otter Tale*. She lives in Maryland with her family and a wide variety of pets.

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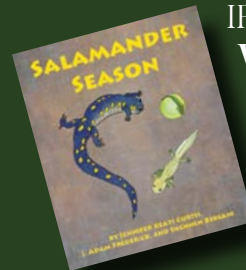
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