# WILD SYMPHONY--EXTRAS!





- **IDENTIFY THE INSTRUMENTS.** Print out images from the internet of some of the instruments from WILD SYMPHONY, such as: piano, clarinet, cello, bassoon, tambourine, trumpet, trombone, harp, and timpani. See if kids can match the images with the drawings from the book— help them out the first few rounds, and then see if they can match them themselves!
- **IDENTIFY THE SOUNDS.** If you want to go even further, play clips from YouTube of each instrument playing basic notes or chords. Make sure your child knows which instrument they are listening to! Then listen to the WILD SYMPHONY soundtrack and see if they can pick out the different instruments in the music!
- **TIE IT INTO THE BOOK.** Each animal shares a unique characteristic with its instrument in WILD SYMPHONY. For example, the kangaroo plays the timpani, which makes a loud, bouncing sound. Kids can discuss the different characteristics of sounds and instruments by comparing them to each animal in the book. Make your own Wild Symphony Finger Puppets!
- **BOUNCE AND DANCE AROUND!** Each animal in the book has its own movement—both musically and physically! The wood birds chirp, the kangaroos bounce, the ray glides, the frogs croak! Encourage kids to imitate the animals on every page in whatever fashion they feel most in touch with. Do they want to jump around the room like a kangaroo? Or sit still on the floor and croak like a frog? Let the children explore their creativity through the animals they like best!
- PU**ZZLE YOUR WAY THROUGH.** Kids might spot the surprises that Maestro Mouse has left for them—a hiding buzzy bee, jumbled letters that spell out clues, and even a coded message to solve! Help kids find the puzzles woven into the art throughout the book and see what you can solve together. It may take the whole family to solve some of them!
- **THE MORAL OF THE STORY**. Every spread contains Maestro Mouse holding up a related lesson for the reader. On the second or third read, go through the book and isolate the lessons to read aloud. Discuss each one. Do the kids agree with Maestro Mouse's lessons? How do the animals on the page illustrate the lessons? How does each moral make them feel? How do all the lessons come together in the end to encourage us to work together?

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# Wild Sympathy
## by Dan Brown



- **Read Along!** Each spread focuses on a different animal—meet a big blue whale and speedy cheetahs, tiny beetles and graceful swans—and each has special wisdom to share in the form of a lyrical poem!
- **Dance Along!** The music you envision as you read is REAL! Each animal has its own accompanying musical composition, making this an engaging story that you can listen and move to.
- **Puzzle Your Way Through!** You might spot the surprises Maestro Mouse has left for you—a hiding buzzy bee, jumbled letters that spell out clues, and even a coded message to solve!
- **Enjoy Again and Again!** This book is a uniquely entertaining reading experience that will captivate kids and adults alike and make them want to visit the characters again and again—whether through the text, the songs, or the art!

# App How To

If you would like to hear original music compositions that pair with the animals while you read the book, open the camera on your phone or tablet to scan the QR code (or visit wildsymphony.com) to download the free app.



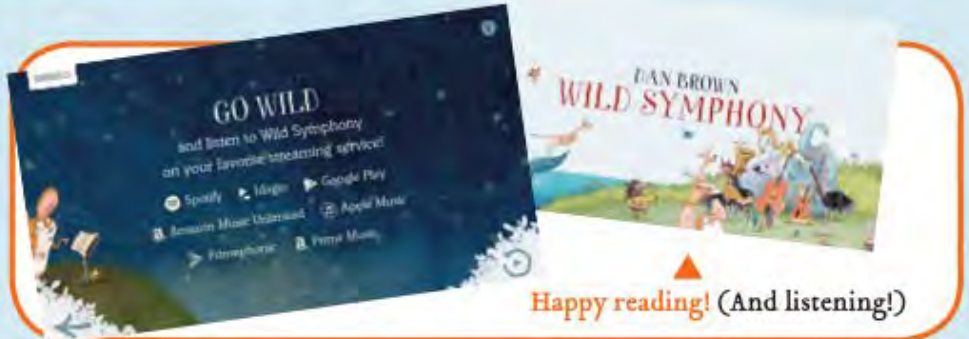
Hold your phone over any page in the book to scan the page and listen to that animal's song.



Or just tap the arrows in the bottom left and right corners to switch between pages.



Revisit your favorite animal's song at any time by clicking the animal in the "animals" dropdown in the top left corner.




Happy reading! (And listening!)

# Q&A with Dan!

Uncover the Secrets of WILD SYMPHONY

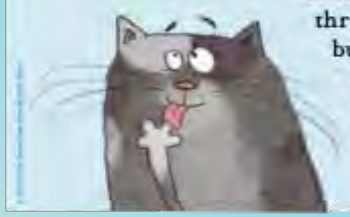


## WHAT IS THE VALUE IN SHARING MUSIC WITH KIDS AT AN EARLY AGE?

Exposure to music at a young age has been scientifically shown to stimulate creativity, focus, and emotional intelligence in young people. When I was an infant, my parents exposed me to enormous amounts of music (including while I was in the womb!), and I believe this experience helped stimulate my imagination and creativity, which became very important to me later in life.

## WE HEAR THERE ARE SOME PUZZLES IN THIS BOOK. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THEM?

As a kid, I loved puzzles—all kinds of puzzles. This is probably because on Christmas morning my parents would create puzzles for me to solve in order to find my presents. These early treasure hunts and games instilled in me a love of puzzle-solving, which I wanted to share in *Wild Symphony*. So, on every page, I've hidden a series of jumbled letters that readers can find and unscramble to spell the name of an orchestral instrument. There is also a hard-to-spot buzzy bumblebee who likes to hide in funny places, like inside a wild boar's nostril! And finally, I've hidden several other codes and secrets throughout the book, but I won't tell you where because finding them is half the fun.



## YOU OFFER READERS A LITTLE BIT OF WISDOM WITH EACH SONG. WILL YOU SHARE SOME WITH US? ARE THERE ANY THAT REALLY RESONATE WITH YOU?

Each of the animals in *Wild Symphony* shares a piece of advice for navigating life. These simple tips are designed to get children thinking about the traits we all admire, such as compassion, patience, respect, and confidence, as well as bigger themes of mindfulness, taking life slowly, community, and, above all, being true to your emotions. My personal favorite is the message offered by the busy beetles, who remind us that while it is important to work hard, we must also take time out to play. (I'm still working on that one.)



## WHAT IMPACT DO YOU HOPE WILD SYMPHONY WILL HAVE ON YOUNG READERS AND FAMILIES?

We live in an age of headphones and earbuds, and music is often experienced alone. My hope for *Wild Symphony* is that families will choose to enjoy the music together, either while reading the book or as fun background music while they're doing other things. As a special treat, some families may choose to attend one of the many live concerts of *Wild Symphony* that will be performed around the world.

