



NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST

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ABOUT THE BOOK

From Margaret Wise Brown, the bestselling author of classics like *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny*, comes a never-before-published story about a little bird's first journey, brought to life by Geisel Award-winning illustrator Greg Pizzoli.

*It's time for a little bird to fly away
to the north, the south, the east, and the west.
Which direction will she like best?*



STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **MAPS AND GLOBES:** As you read the story, use a map or globe to show the children where the little bird might have flown when she flew north, south, east, and west. Point out "mountains and rivers and plains" on the map or globe. Show children the compass rose each time you show that the little bird flew north, south, east, and west. After you read the story, give children a picture of a globe template or a compass rose to color in. Older children can label the four directions on their paper.
- **ROUND AND ROUND:** After the story ends, ask the children what they think will happen next. Discuss why this is a circular story. Have the children retell the story and record the story events on a large circular story map chart.
- **ALL TUCKED IN:** Reread the first page of the story on which the little bird is "all tucked into her nest." Ask children what the word "cozy" means, and have them think about their own home. Where do you feel cozy? In your bed, or on your couch, or in an overstuffed chair? Ask the children to draw a picture of their special place and write about why it is cozy and comfortable. Or, children can cut and glue felt or fabric to make a cozy collage.
- **GO WEST!:** Hang up signs that identify the directions north, south, east, and west. Then have all the children stand in a central location. Call out instructions such as, "Take three steps east" or "hop four steps north." As children move around the room they will become familiar with the four main directions while having a lot of fun!
- **UP A TREE:** The little bird in this story lives in a sycamore tree. Take the children outside to collect leaves from nearby trees. Bring the leaves inside and use nonfiction books to identify the leaves. Children can do leaf rubbings, make leaf pictures, or color in drawings of different kinds of leaves.

