



Uncover the mysteries of the swamp ecosystem as its plants and animals spring to life through lively rhyme and colorful painted collage.

What would you discover if you visited a swamp? Look and listen for the swamp's fascinating diversity as you search for aquatic snail snacks with the Red Swamp Crayfish, glide alongside the swift-swimming shadows of slender Blackspotted Topminnows, sway in the breeze with the catkins of Smooth Alders, jump from the Wood Duck's nest with day-old ducklings, and take flight with Prothonotary Warbler as he climbs toward the sky like the bright trumpet-shaped flowers of Crossvine. Meet nearly 50 plants and animals living alongside two majestic giants of the swamp, Cypress and Water Tupelo Tree.

Author/ Illustrator **Cathy Melvin's** fascination with the natural world was launched by a childhood spent living all over the world with backyards full of insects the size of small aircraft, less-than hospitable monkeys, and giant fruit bats that attacked her while she waited for the school bus. After two decades inspecting the microscopic world in a lab, she returned to her love of art. The natural area Cathy and her son adopted during the pandemic inspired *Cypress Knees and Tupelo Trees*.



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