

Book Guide for

How Do I Wonder?

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SUMMARY

“A thought-provoking tale with a much-needed message: The mind is a place of limitless wonders.”

—Kirkus Reviews

A book can be a powerful tool to spark creativity and imagination.

Do snails view turtles as slow? Why is water wet?

From the author of *No One Owns the Colors* comes an entertaining and beautifully illustrated picture book that shows children how to ask questions that help them see the world in a different way.

Written and illustrated for all children, each page showcases a diverse and engaging world and helps kids ages 4-8 develop a growth mindset. Let the silly prompts show how the joy of a simple question can entertain the mind and spirit, no matter where you happen to be.



About the Author



A professional ballerina by age 16, **Gianna Davy** adventured her way across stages for 15 glorious years until settling down to start a family. Today she lives in Healdsburg, CA where she works as a Speech Language Pathologist, teaches dance, makes jewelry, hugs her children, and belts out karaoke in the car. She is the author of *No One Owns the Colors* and loves traipsing across misty hillsides, collecting odd words, and the notion that life and art are inseparable. She hopes that *How Do I Wonder?* will inspire curiosity and wonder in everyone who reads it.

About The Illustrator



Brenda Rodriguez is an illustrator and designer with a love for picture books, comics, stickers and other printed media. She showcases her love for visual storytelling through colorful and whimsical illustrations that are influenced by her own life and her favorite fantasy stories. She is originally from Miami, but after graduating from Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in Illustration, she now lives in Washington, DC, with her partner Gabe and her orange tabby cat, Sherbert. She is the illustrator of *No One Owns the Colors*.



ACTIVITY: EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

This story celebrates curiosity and asking questions! Choose one of the questions from this book that interests you, such as

“If I plant a treat, will a candy tree grow?”

or

“Why is water wet?”

and try to find an answer! With the help of a grownup, check the internet, read books on the topic, ask experts such as teachers, or run an experiment! Share your findings when you are finished. Could the question be answered? What did you learn in your research?



ACTIVITY:
KEEP WONDERING!

How Do I Wonder? is filled with amazing questions and encourages readers to think about the world around them! In the squares below, draw or list what makes you wonder in each place.

Home

School

Outside

Your Favorite Place

ACTIVITY: NATURE WALK

Questions and curiosity are all around us! With a grownup, take a walk outside. As you walk, think about the amazing things you can see.

Are there lots of animals? Is it noisy?

Are the sidewalks or streets crowded?

What questions do you have about what you see?

Share them with your grownup and see if you can find the answers after you are finished walking.



ACTIVITY: SCAVENGER HUNT

There is so much to discover and wonder about all around us! Take a walk around your classroom, backyard, home, or community and try to find the following objects; be sure to ask an adult for help if needed. Write down answers as you find them!

Something that is your favorite color _____

Something that starts with the letter W _____

Something that is new to you _____

Something that is smooth _____

Something from an animal _____

Something that is striped _____

Something that makes you smile _____

Something that flies _____

Something that you can play with _____

Something that holds things _____

Something that is soft _____

Something that is round _____



ACTIVITY:
WHAT DO YOU WONDER?

What would you like to learn about more? Is it an animal, place, or event?
Draw or write about it in the space below!

Discussion Questions

As a class or in small groups, discuss the following questions to develop a better understanding of the story.

1

The book encourages readers to ask questions and think about the world around them. What do you like to learn about?

2

The story notes that, “There’s not much you need when you think about thoughts - maybe sun, mauve shade, or a safe cozy spot.” Where do you like to do your thinking? Is it at home? School? Outside?

3

This book features many settings, which is where a story takes place. Some of the settings include dinosaur habitats, outer space, under the sea, and new and imaginary places, to name a few. What setting is most interesting to you? Why?

4

The author writes, “Not all the questions need answers defined.” What do you think this means? What questions do you think need answers? Which ones do not need answers?