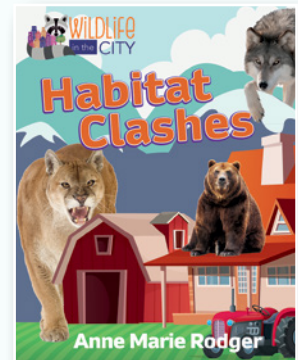
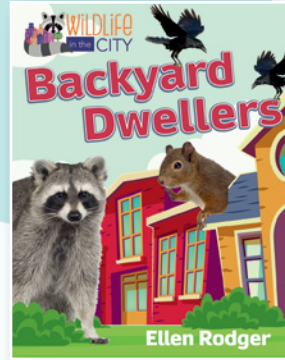
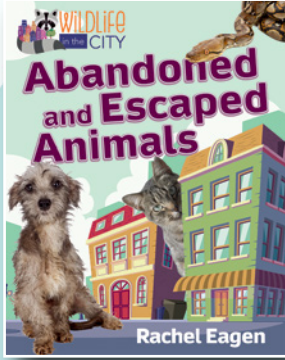




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From Backyard Dwellers

BACKYARD WILDLIFE

Humans aren't the only animals that like cozy homes in the city. There are plenty of wild animals that live near us. Often, they just blend into the background. Squirrels, for example, are some of the most common backyard animals in North America. They climb trees and dodge traffic on roads, but people barely notice them. Until they dig through and destroy gardens that is! Then, these familiar rodents become annoying problems.

Meet My “Associate”

Wildlife **biologists** are scientists who study wild animals and their habitats. Wildlife live in all urban areas—even the most crowded cities. The urban animals that live closest to humans are called **associates** or **exploiters**. They take advantage of human food and waste sources such as gardens and garbage. Exploiters also use the buildings, homes, and parks, for protection and **denning** areas. Some common North American associates include squirrels, raccoons, opossums, mice, and crows.

Some North American cities have issued raccoon-proof garbage bins.

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