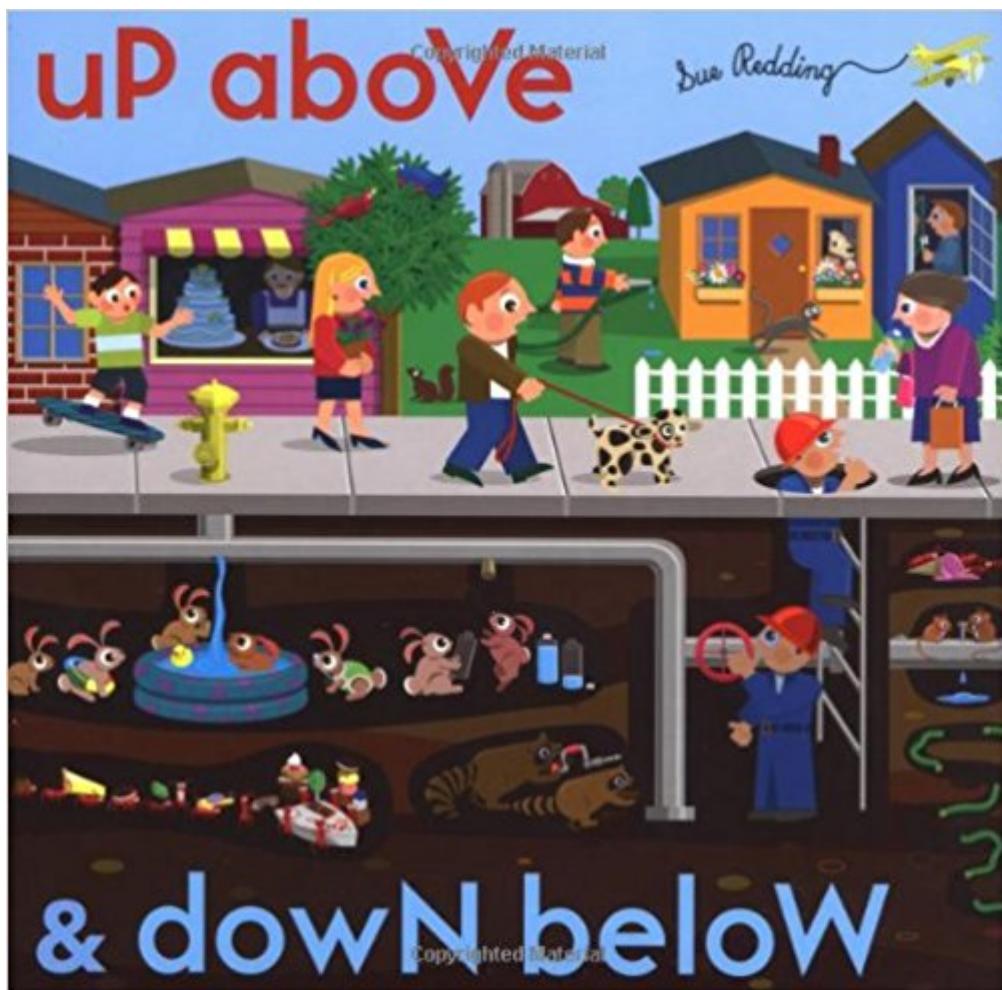


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# Up Above And Down Below



## Synopsis

Ants march on a picnic and turn it upside down, returning with treats for friends underground. Up above, the ants are taking over a picnic. But down below is another story. Look closely and you'll find very different worlds living side by side, at a picnic, in the ocean, in the blazing desert, even inside the same two-story home. Sue Redding's bold, wonderfully detailed illustrations hide lots of fun and mischief keep an eye out for the red ant and green worm who have snuck into every picture!

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Each spread illustrates activities above and below ground in specific locales: a house and its cellar, a stage, a picnic spot, the Antarctic, a jungle, a city street, a desert, a vegetable garden, two boats, a golf course, and a suburban street. The colorful, computer-generated pictures are elaborate and interesting. Most of the below-ground scenes are fairly plausible, but others include animals playing cards, reading, etc. The one beneath the golf course humorously shows gophers using machinelike contraptions to recycle golf balls. The scenes are separated by rhyming couplets. Unfamiliar words such as performing, crew, unaware, and conceals offer good teaching moments. Children will want to pore over the details and think about the many activities depicted in the art. Pair this title with Arlene Mosel's *The Funny Little Woman* (Puffin, 1993) for another amusing depiction of what goes on above and below ground.  
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PreS. In this debut picture book, whimsical, computer-generated pictures juxtapose active worlds, above and below ground. The simple, rhyming text introduces the scenarios: "While actors on stage are performing a play, the crew down below is working away." The full-page spreads, split horizontally in two, show different scenes: rooms filled with family activity above a quiet basement; hikers in a hot desert above spelunkers in a cool cave. Some of the most fanciful scenes include animals: golfers fret on the course above an underground factory where gophers collect and polish balls. A few spreads focus on water, and the contrasts in mood are stark: while sailors toss on a stormy sea above, "under the waves, it's as calm as can be." Children will return again and again to find new objects in the bright, clean-lined artwork, and an ant and worm tucked into each spread offer an added seek-and-find game. Guaranteed fun for interactive, one-on-one read-alouds. Gillian Engberg  
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Cleaver illustrations depict various scenes of under and above. The scenes are full of "activity" providing many different reading experiences. This book provides so many opportunities for verbal interactions as the children see and share their findings. A perfect addition to our twos and up library.

I bought this e-book because it was part of a daily kindle deal for 99 cents. I read it once and immediately took it out at our local library so my child could read it with me without having her use my kindle to read it. We love this book so much that we tried to buy a hardcopy of it and it is no longer in production and pretty expensive if you can find a used copy. The pictures are so bright and entertaining for both adults and children. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone!!!

This book is fun! My two kids (ages 4 and 2)ask for it constantly. We finally had to buy it because they whined when I tried to return the library's copy (which we'd checked out numerous times). The pictures are bright and each spread is packed with activity. Good for inquisitive minds. The kids always spot something they hadn't discovered before. They still like to find their favorite things in the illustrations too. I enjoy the clever ups and downs the author introduces. We'll probably be enjoying this book through early elementary.

My 5yo son begged us to buy this book after we had to return it to the library AGAIN. It has very engaging detailed pictures with very little real text to read so it is great even for our 2yo to follow. Fun to try to find the worm and ant on every page spread too. Appeals to boys and girls!We

regularly read this book even though we all know it by heart.

This is a wonderful little book, which describes lots of things children might not think about, but are very important. From ants to underground water pipes, this book is informative and the illustrations make learning fun.

We got this book when our kids were two years old (that was two years ago) and they loved it. In fact, they still do! Sue teaches industrial design, and it shows in her work. There's always something interesting to see, not just people or animals, but also buildings and machinery. I hope she does more books! We will gladly add them to our children's library.

I sent this story to several of my grandchildren as a gift when it was a Kindle daily deal. They all loved it, according to their parents, so I have to give it a pretty good rating.

This is such a wonderful and delightful book. Cute children's story with rhymes and awesome artwork. Kids will enjoy the story and looking at the pictures.

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