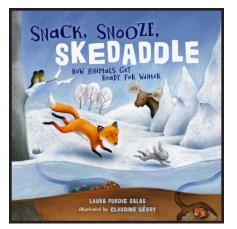
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SNACK, SNOOZE, SKEDADDLE: HOW ANIMALS GET READY FOR WINTER Because fall doesn't last forever...



MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN, August 7, 2019 – Beautiful, breezy, blue-sky autumn days inevitably give way to winter. In **Snack, Snooze, Skedaddle: How Animals Get Ready for Winter,** you'll learn how they tolerate, hibernate, and migrate, the three main strategies animals use to survive brutal weather.

Rhyming couplets showcase twelve different animals, four for each survival strategy. The left side of a spread shows what an animal does to prepare for winter. For the ruby-throated

hummingbird, that's "Dive into snapdragons. Double your size!" The right side of the spread shows what that animal does *during* winter. What does the migrating hummingbird do? "Dine on delectable tropical flies!" Canadian artist Claudine Gévry's charming illustrations employ contrasting color palettes to emphasize the passage of time and change of season from left to right.

Minnesota children's author Laura Purdie Salas was born and raised in Florida, so you might think she knows nothing about winter preparation. But she's lived here in the Twin Cities long enough to hone her winter survival skills. During the bitter days of February, she sometimes hibernates under the blankets for a cozy nap. Or she temporarily migrates to Florida for a quick family visit. Or she tolerates the cold with a giant mug of hot cocoa and a great book!

Salas is the author of many other books for kids, including **Snowman-Cold=Puddle** and **Water Can Be...** Her books have been named Minnesota Book Award winners, NCTE Notable Books, Bank Street Best Books, starred books, and more. About this title, *Kirkus Reviews* says, ""With smooth rhymes and jaunty illustrations, Salas and Gévry

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introduce three strategies animals use for coping with winter cold. The author's long experience in imparting information to young readers is evident..."

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