

**RON HIRSCHI - VISITING AUTHOR 2009**  
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**Lions, Tigers, and Bears-**

Cougars, polar bears, lions, cheetahs, tigers, grizzly bears, & killer whales are nature's threatened giants. Each one gets its due in this important book. Hirschi's approach is gentle and engaging, but the urgency of his message is not lost-these animals need human help. Most are threatened by loss of their habitats. Ages 9-12

**Oceans Seasons-** Seasons change in the ocean much as they do on land. Spring brings new plants & baby animals, summer oceans glow with sparkly plankton lights, & autumn winds blow across the open water. In winter the humpback whales migrate to warmer waters, just as some land animals move to warmer climates. In fun, fanciful form, children learn about plants & animals that are joined through the mix of seasons, food webs, and habitats beneath the waves. While set in the Pacific, similar changes occur in all the world's oceans. Ages 4-8

**Our Three Bears-** From the waters of the Canadian arctic to the forests of the United States southeast, black bears, grizzly bears, & polar bears roam North America. Hirschi & Mangelsen guide young readers into the secretive world of bears. Ages 7-9



**Searching for Grizzlies -**

Set in Greater Yellowstone, the whole is enhanced by pages from the author's field notebooks, which lend a real-time field-trip flavor to this cycle of the grizzly's spring awakening to a high-calorie binge prior to winter hibernation. An author's note presents a plea for the protection & preservation of this great bear. Ages 8-12

**Whalemail-** In this delightful picture book, the crew of the Scoutabout travels from Alaska to Hawaii to follow the annual journey of the humpback whales. Along the way, two young scientists from aboard the vessel send your child postcards, cleverly tucked within the pages. Children discover dozens of fascinating facts about the mammals, including what they eat, why they sing, & when whale babies are born. Ages 4-8

**When Morning Comes-**

Look into the world of animals that come out after sunrise. Spectacular color photographs and simple text introduce nature's beauty & wildlife behavior that is unique today. As the sun rises, so do birds, deer, & bears; as water & rocks warm, cold-blooded creatures like lizards begin their days. Ages 6-9

**When Night Comes-** Night follows morning with glorious sunset shots & a few facts describing the activities of nocturnal wildlife, including coyotes, raccoons, & otters. Ages 6-9

**Winter is for Whales-** In this educational adventure, young readers' journey through the islands with creatures that call the sand, surf, & seas of Hawaii home. The humpback whale, endangered monk seal, green sea turtle, & other animals are depicted in artful paper-cut collages & watercolor illustrations. Interactive, flip-open notes provide the Hawaiian names of land and ocean animals as well as fascinating facts about koa trees, whales, & other island species. Ages 4-8