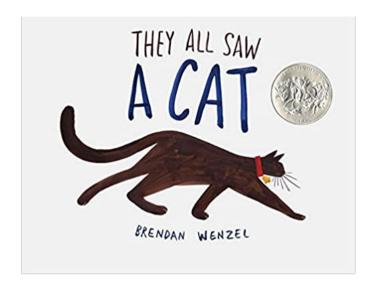
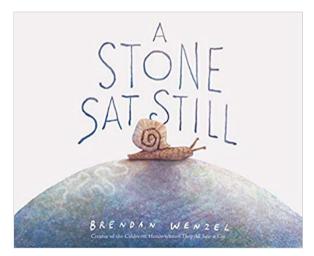
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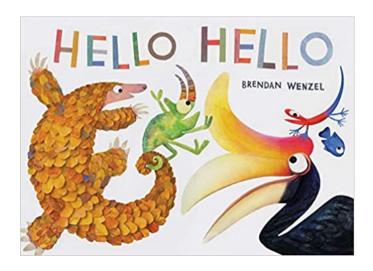
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Readers use strategies to make sense of what they read. Everyone can be a reader and writer.









GATHER MATERIALS

- Your Reader's Notebook or a piece of paper
- Writing and drawing tools: pencil, pen, pencil crayons, or any other mark making tool you want to try.

READ, THINK, RESPOND

Listen <u>here</u> to author/illustrator Brendan Wenzel discuss the inspiration behind his picture book *A Stone Sat Still* and hear what he hopes readers of all ages takes away from it. In his book, *They All Saw A Cat*, he shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. When you see a cat, what do you see?

Read along with his books:

- They All Saw A Cat
- A Stone Sat Still
- Hello, Hello

Here are two books that he has beautifully illustrated and that show his desire to protect and conserve wild places and creatures.

- Some Bugs
- Life

In your reader's notebook, write something about any of his books and or his illustrations. What captured your attention? Why? What do you imagine he wanted readers to think about?

