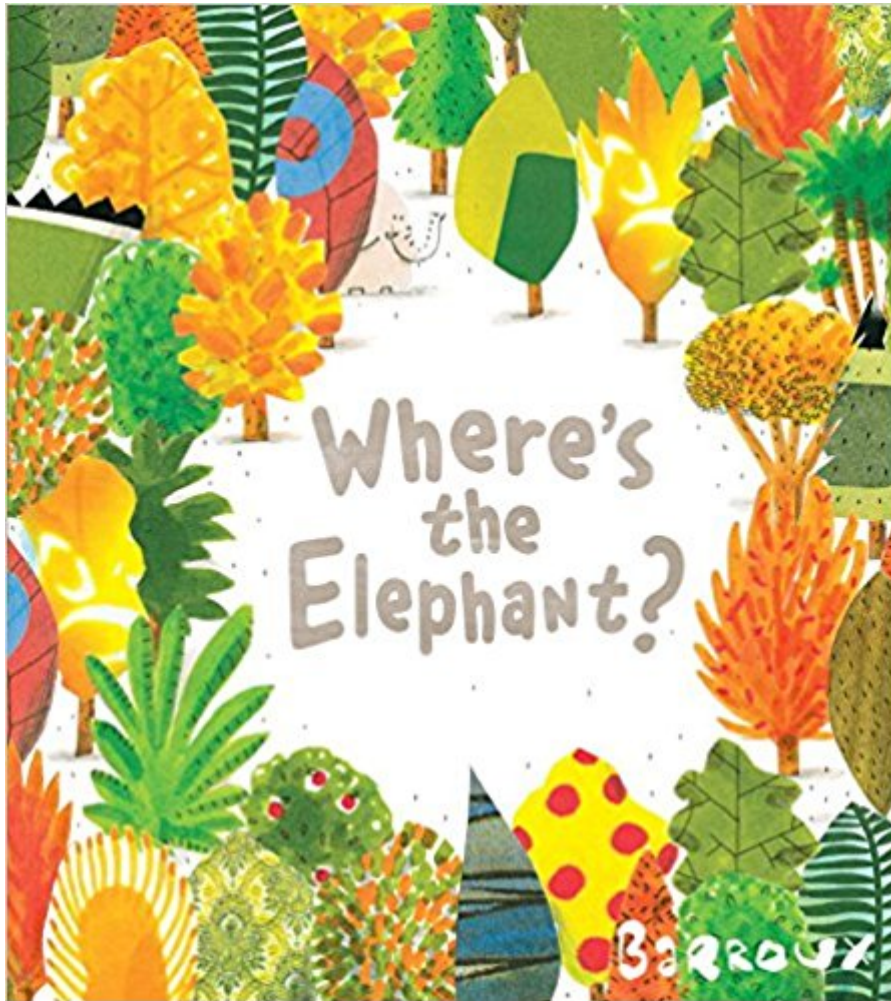




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# Where's The Elephant?



## Synopsis

A simple game of hide-and-seek takes on a new dimension as a growing city encroaches on the jungle the animals call home. Where's the elephant? Where's the parrot? Where's the snake? And wait a minute – where are all the trees? Where will the elephant, parrot, and snake go now? A vibrant landscape in flux with three hidden animals on each spread offers parents and children an opportunity to talk about urban development and animal habitats.

## Book Information

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PreS-Gr 3-With minimal text and bright, bold illustrations, Barroux introduces children to the topic of deforestation in a poignant fashion that invites discussion. By beginning with simple questions that ask the location of an elephant, parrot, and snake, he establishes a familiar seek-and-find narrative that is comfortable and engaging. At first, this is mildly challenging, as Barroux's acrylic and pencil creatures are cleverly hidden in their jungle habitat. This quickly changes, however, as trees are soon removed and replaced by houses, roads, and cars. Eventually, the natural environment is gone and a zoo encapsulates the cheery animal friends until they elect to bust free, making for an ocean raft and new island home. Each spread is full of stunning art, with the lushness of the diverse tropical leaves set against the increasingly uniform and stagnant buildings. The excitement of hide-and-seek soon turns to crushing loss, forcing readers to ask why this conflict is occurring. The

animals' final flight, along with the contrast between cityscape and natural environs, conveys an important message regarding the ecosystem and the role humans play within it. VERDICT Although clearly written for a younger audience and highly recommended for all picture book collections, this introductory text can be used to spark discussion with elementary school students embarking on environmental studies.-Rachel Zuffa, Racine Public Library, WI (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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My 18 month old is obsessed with this book, we read it for hours every day. There are no words, just a Where's Wally style hunt for the elephant, parrot and snake. The book also addressed the theme of deforestation and urbanization that I look forward to be able to discuss when he's older - there is definite longevity with this book. We received it as a gift and already plan to buy it as a gift for others as it's been such a hit.

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