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Sing along to this light-hearted romp while learning about different food chains within a single ecosystem. Which animals come out on top, and which animals end up as snacks? Hey Diddle Diddle teaches children about the food web, the circle of life, and the part that each living creature plays within an ecosystem. This book is so much fun, kids will have a hard time believing they're actually learning. You'll be singing Hey Diddle Diddle long after you close the book.

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## Kate Hastings says

Biomes--Desert. Sing along with popular songs, sheet music avail on sylvan dell website

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## Mymcbooks says

My Review:

This is a story about animals in the desert where the author used nursery rhyme songs to tell about the desert habitat and its flora and fauna. For example, Deep in the Desert may be sung to "Down in the Valley" or The Camel with Two Humps may be sung to "The Itsy, Bitsy Spider". Travel the desert and learn about nose bats, desert tortoise, fennec fox, meerkat, thorny devil and many more.

Deep in the Desert includes six pages of learning activities about For Creative Minds (go to [www.sylvandellpublishing.com](http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com)), The Desert Habitat, Desert Fun Facts, Deserts of the World i.e. a map location of the deserts and Match the plant or animal Adaptations with questions and answers. The illustrations are colorful and show each desert animal in its habitat. Great for classroom teaching.

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## \*\*\* Kat \*\*\* says

What an adorable book!

Rhonda Lucas Donald took our beloved nursery rhymes (Yankee Doodle, Baa Baa Black Sheep, There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, and others) and turned them into cute little songs about desert animals.

I'll give you an example of one of the poems I really enjoyed:

The Camel with Two Humps (may be sung to "The Itsy, Bitsy Spider")

"The camel with two humps  
walks far across the plain.

Where the camel lives  
there's hardly any rain.

When the rain does fall,  
the camel drinks her fill,

and the camel with two humps  
walks far across the hill.

The camel with two humps  
has a shaggy coat of fur.  
In the winter snow  
she really needs it - brrr!  
In the summer heat,  
she sheds it off again.  
And the camel with two humps  
walks far across the plain.

The camel with two humps  
has lashes long and thick.  
In the blowing sand,  
they really do the trick.  
Lashes long and thick  
block out the blowing sand,  
and the camel with two humps  
walks far across the land."

All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed this book.  
Very informative book to read with children who are interested in learning about animals.  
The illustrations are absolutely gorgeous as well!

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### **Cassandra Adams says**

This beautifully illustrated picture book about animals in the desert has a song on each page that can be sung to a familiar tune. It would be a wonderful addition to a lesson on the American Southwest and the animals that live there.

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### **Teri says**

My kids LOVE books to sing--and we used this one learning about deserts. They asked for it over and over. While we learned a few things, it was mostly the familiar tunes and nice pictures they liked best.

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### **Kristen Jorgensen says**

This book is about desert animals written in playful poems set to nursery songs. Very well done for learning about animals, and the art is nice. I love all the information that Sylvan Dell Publishing get into their books and the added activities on their website helps encourage further learning. These books are a great way to get small children interested in the world we live in.

