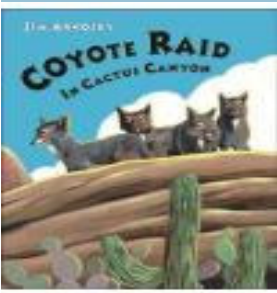


# Beyond the Book...

**Title:** Coyote Raid in Cactus Canyon

**Author:** Jim Arnosky



**Summary:** Everything is peaceful in the desert until the coyotes come. The coyotes want to harm the animals. However, when they cannot catch the animals, they turn on each other. Eventually, the coyotes land on a rattlesnake. Then, the rattlesnake threatens them, and they leave Cactus Canyon. Afterwards, everything is peaceful again.



## ***Before Reading...***

Ask questions to use what your child already knows to help him/her understand and enjoy book:

- Do you know what kind of animals are on the front of the book?
- What kind of plants are pictured on the book?
- Take a “picture walk” through the book and talk about the illustrations before reading the book.

## ***During Reading...***

As you read the book talk with the child about the story and the illustrations. Ask questions such as:

- Do you think the animals are afraid of the coyotes? Why?
- What do you think the coyotes will do next?
- Why do you think the coyotes are watching each other’s moves?

## ***After Reading...***

- Ask your child what might happen if the coyotes ever come back to Cactus Canyon?
- Let your child write an alternate ending to the story and illustrate it.
- Let your child write a story about what happened to the coyotes after they left Cactus Canyon.

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