

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Cheetahs are the most rapidly vanishing cat in Africa. Share the dreams of a bright future for cheetahs while engaging sidebars provide a wealth of natural history information. From cleat-like feet to tear-marked faces, these majestic cats are well adapted to life on the African plains. The fierce predators sprint after their prey at high-speed, an exhausting dash that leaves them ready for a nap! This rhythmic text will lull readers into cheetah dreams of their own.

This work of nonfiction includes a 4-page For Creative Minds section in the back of the book and a 30-page cross-curricular Teaching Activity Guide online. Cheetah Dreams is vetted by experts and designed to encourage parental engagement. Its extensive back matter helps teachers with time-saving lesson ideas, provides extensions for science, math, and social studies units, and uses inquiry-based learning to help build critical thinking skills in young readers. The Spanish translation supports ELL and dual-language programs. The interactive ebook reads aloud in both English and Spanish with word highlighting and audio speed control to promote oral language skills, fluency, pronunciation, text engagement, and reading comprehension.

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### **CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS**

#### For Creative Minds

through fun facts and activities in the book's For Creative Minds Section. Topics include:

- Cheetah Conservation
- Cheetah Adaptations
- Purr or Roar

The learning doesn't end in the "For Creative Minds" section; an extensive teaching activity guide is also available on arbordalepublishing.com.

This book has been vetted for accuracy by Dr. Laurie Marker Founder and Executive Director of the Cheetah Conservation Fund, as well as Suzi Rapp and Shannon Swint, VP and Office Coordinator of Animal Programs at the Columbus Zoo.

#### Classification Information

Cheetah Dreams will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

- Accelerated Reader: 4.8
- Lexile: 710
- Fountas and Pinnell: P

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile Nonfiction

- JNF003270 Animals / Endangered
- JNF003040 Animals / Cats
- JNF003220 Animals / Animal Welfare

For educators, Arbordale has aligned this book to standards. Key concepts include: NGSS 1 Structure, Function and information processing and NGSS 2 Interdependent relationships in Ecosystems.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

As an early and middle childhood educator, Linda Stanek wants to inspire young learners, including children with written language disabilities, to write about things that excite them. In addition to *Cheetah Dreams*, Linda has also written *Once Upon* an Elephant (CBC Children's Choice Book Award), and Night Creepers for Arbordale, as well as The Pig and Miss Prudence and Beco's Big Year; A Baby Elephant Turns One. Linda has two grown sons and lives in Ohio with her husband and feline family members. Visit her website at lindastanek.com.

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Shennen Bersani is an award-winning illustrator with 2 million copies of her books cherished and read by children, parents, and teachers throughout the world. Her art delivers heartfelt emotion, the wonders of nature and science, and creates a unique joy for learning. In addition to *Cheetah Dreams*, some of Shennen's other illustrated works including *Once Upon an Elephant* (CBC Children's Choice Book Awards) and Honey Girl (NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book Award). She is also the author and illustrator of *Achoo! Why Pollen Counts*. Shennen lives with her family near Boston. Visit her website at shennenbersani.com.





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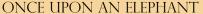


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