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An Ambush of Tigers: A Wild Gathering of Collective Nouns

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An Ambush of Tigers takes a fun and creative spin on the hard and often forgotten subject of collective nouns. Tracing various groups of animals—from an ambush of tigers to a raft of otters to a parcel of penguins—the book takes an artistic take on a difficult English grammar device. With rhyme schemes that harken back to Dr. Seuss’s Green Eggs and Ham, the book does a superb job in creating a memorable and inventive story, while teaching children the intricacies of collective nouns. The vivid illustrations only enforce these aspects, with Jago’s images of penguins in a box, and bear detectives on the trail of a murder of crows, create unique and striking scenes. Regardless whether parents, librarians, or teachers use this book, it will undoubtedly ingrain collective nouns into the minds of children, and is highly recommended as a source of learning and fun. Jess Elder, Centennial Library Intern.