



## ***Feathers: Not Just for Flying***

by Melissa Stewart

### **About the Book**

Feathers aren't just for flying. They can also protect a bird's skin like sunscreen, attract attention like fancy jewelry, or distract a predator like a bullfighter's cape. *Feathers: Not Just for Flying* introduces young readers to sixteen birds, from the sleek emperor penguin to the fluffed-up blue jay, and discover just how helpful feathers can be.

### **Reading to Young Children**

*Feathers: Not Just for Flying* features two kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, read the large main text first. Then you can fill in details from the secondary text as seems appropriate.

### **Before You Read**

- Invite children to share what they think the book will be about.
- Ask them to describe a feather. Do other animals have feathers? Do all birds use their feathers to fly?

### **After You Read**

Have students make a list of ways birds use their feathers. Ask them to draw a picture showing one use that surprises them.

### **Follow-up Activities**

If time permits, students may want to do some of the Activity Pages for *Feathers: Not Just for Flying* available on the author's website: [www.melissa-stewart.com](http://www.melissa-stewart.com).