



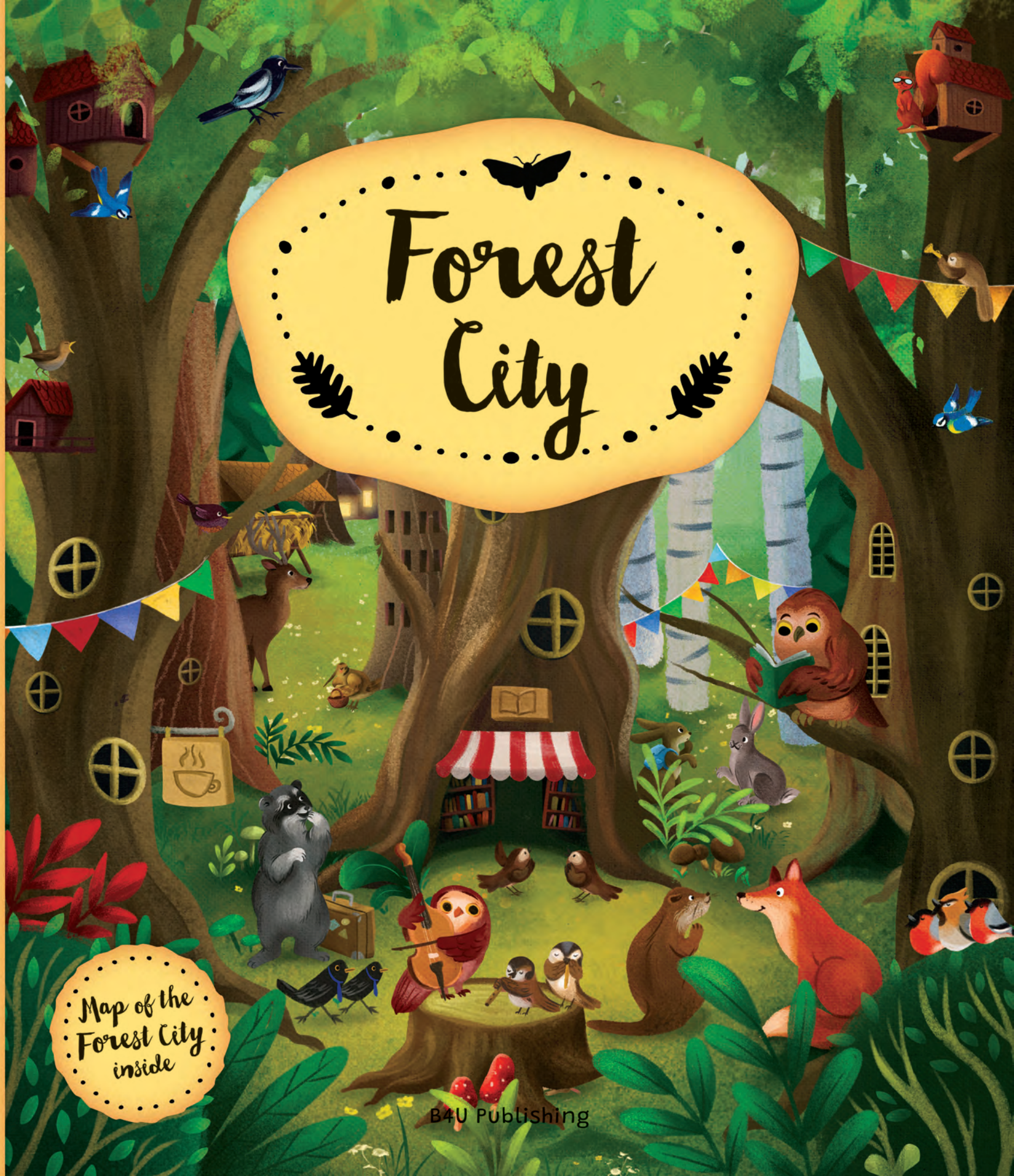
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Map of the
Forest City
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Bankers and Office workers

So much hustle and bustle! Crowds of animals walk among the high office buildings and banks designed by the best forest architects. Everyone has their paws full with work. Managers rush to run the firms and factories. Employees count and record so much that they even dream about numbers!

How to (not) expose a fraud

The wildcat, a wealthy but dishonest company director, enjoys power and respect from animals around his and no one would ever guess that he's actually a swindler and a fraud as he blames his dishonesty on the innocent domestic cat – they are almost indistinguishable.



Living in the dumpsters

The great tit usually gets the cold shoulder from the local rich, but she's happy here. She finds both food and fun in the dumpsters, where the moneybags throw everything they no longer need. Sometimes those things are still of great value!

Great tit

Rich bankers

The bank voles are taking a break yet again. These lazy bankers would eat all day long if they could and they revel in stockpiling.

Bank vole



Watch out for the thief!

Oh no! The magpie has stolen Mrs. Doe's expensive necklace! Whenever something glittery catches her eye, she must have it. Luckily she's very smart and never gets caught.

Eurasian magpie

The hotel and guests

The barn owl is a big traveller and hotels are a home away from home for her. She has relatives on almost all continents and loves discovering foreign lands. Look at the poor, frightened mouse porters and how scared they are! Owls are feared rodent hunters!

House mouse

The director and his wife

The majestic red deer and his devoted wife Mrs. Doe have just arrived to check the employees of their large company. You wouldn't want to fall out with a boss like this – his antlers are regarded as a dreaded weapon!

Red deer

Eurasian eagle-owl



Turtle dove

Common blackbird

.Hotel.

~THE BANK OF THE WOODS~

Residential District

Those who want to meet the forest inhabitants up close have to pay them a visit at home. You are all invited! Many surprisingly interesting things take place inside the houses in the sleepy residential district: some build, others repair things, yet another has got down to proper cleaning, and children, well, they wreak as much havoc here as anywhere else ...

Wasp tower block

Wasps are not all that keen on living with other animals, they do their best to drive them away with painful stings. And no one is actually all that interested in keeping in touch with them either - they are spiteful and snooty.

The postman

The poor pigeon, the local postman, has to make a delivery to the stinky polecat.

The new tenants

Oh, look! New neighbours! New occupants, the kestrels, are already moving into the nest left behind by those magpies. After all, it's so much easier than to build a whole new house themselves!

Wild bees shelter

You might mistake wild bees for wasps, but thanks to the delicious smell of their famous honey and wax, the hard working and well-organized bees always know which home is their own. It seems, however, that that the bear is also tempted by their honey. Will he get his paws on the tasty treat or is he in for a good stinging?

Anthill apartment complex

The anthill is bustling with activity. The large troop of residents keep bringing in food and building material and many are leaving for work. The ants don't stop from dawn till dusk. There is constantly something to tend to if they want the house to run as smoothly as possible. They have their own nursery, dining area and hospital, as well as a luxurious suite for the landlady.



Traffic

Everyone in the town is always rushing somewhere: either in their car, on foot, or by bus ... Without police controlling the traffic, the entire town would fall into chaos, as some of the animals would keep running out onto the road as if they were outside all on their own.

Don't hold up the traffic!

Oh, come on! Can't you step it up a little?! The slow worm has to put up with an endless flurry of insults. The poor legless lizard would love to move quicker, but it simply can't. Next time it'll spend the day resting in a hiding place instead and set out in the morning or late in the evening as usual, when the traffic is light.

The careless pedestrian

Watch out, capercaillie! Are you deaf or what!? Well, he is, actually. When the breeding season comes, the male capercaillies temporarily lose their sense of hearing.

The traffic police

Luckily there's someone to control all this traffic mayhem – the sparrowhawk, whose colouring and excellent sight make it a perfect fit for the job. The public order in the woods is in good hands.

Road markings

To prevent cars from running into one other, the road has to be marked with traffic lines. The red slug makes sure the lines are always clearly visible. After all, he's a master at his craft. He leaves his silver mucous trails everywhere he goes.

A band of nomads

The nomads have arrived in town. Can you see them trudging down the road with their caravans? Snails make their homes anywhere they go which is why they can spend their lives roaming the world. Boy, what freedom!

The stowaway

Who's that stinker travelling without a ticket? Surprise, surprise. The notorious tick. Again. Well, why don't you just take up running? With a little practice, you wouldn't have to use unwitting large animals to cross the woods!



New District Construction Site

Whoosh! Bam. Whoosh! Bam. What's all that racket? Our town is building a brand-new district! The only inhabitants for now are the bricklayers, the dust, the mud, and the noise – but once the work is finished, many animals will find their new home here.

The bricklaying birds

The nuthatch is an experienced builder. He nests in abandoned tree holes and when the original entrance is too big for him, he walls most of it up using dirt mixed with sticky saliva.

Eurasian nuthatch

Canada lynx

Black woodpecker

European mole

Earthworm

Moles the builders

Who has better expertise to build the foundations of the new district than the moles? They build complex networks of underground tunnels – quite a performance for someone with eyesight so poor they can only tell the difference between light and dark.

The boring engineers

The earthworms are the best water engineers in the whole forest. Plants flourish thanks to their tunnels, which bring rainwater to the roots and help the soil retain it.

The winged carpenter

You won't mistake the local master carpenter, the black woodpecker, for anyone else thanks to his red hat. Using his beak, which is shaped like a chisel at the end, he can carve out nests with beautiful views in the hollows of old trees.

~ Live concert ~



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Life in the forest is all hustle and bustle – it's as though the animals have learned the human art of hurrying. Can you imagine how it would be if things worked in the forest as they do in the city? The leader of an organized pack of wolves might become mayor, the cream of society would be made up of deer, and the rook would show off his skills as a street entertainer. There would be a pigeon-post service, plus a vibrant night life. So come with us to the Forest City to learn lots about the folk who live here and important facts about each district of the city. And if you happen to get lost, there is nothing to fear – each book contains an easy-to-read map.

