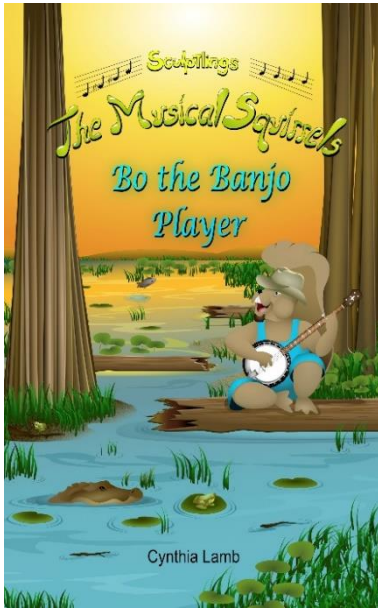


## Bo the Banjo Player

### The Musical Squirrels Series



**An Educational Book on Music Skills (Sculptlings Music Book (Teaches Where Happiness Comes From and Having Ambition.)**

Bo starts off happy, enjoys playing in the swamplands with his friends. Bo and his friends attract a crowd with their music and they become well known. They think that playing on the road will make them happier. They suddenly realize that fame and fortune is not what it seemed and are not as happy as they thought they would be.

Bo the Banjo Player's message is about where happiness comes from. Bo and his band realize that happiness comes from the heart, not the circumstance.

### Book Topics

- Where Happiness Comes From
- Being Happy With Where You Are
- Appreciating What You Have
- A Lesson About Being Envious Of Others

### Ideas for how to review this book with kids 3-6:

- What was the message of the story? Have the child retell the story in their own words.
- Go back to each page and have the child describe what is going on.
- Questions:
  - Was Bo happy in the beginning of the story?
  - What makes Bo want to travel with the Band?
  - What happens to Bo and his band on the road?
  - What lesson did Bo learn about himself in the end?

### Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers:

- What makes Bo decide to leave the swampland?
- What was the cause and effect of Bo's decision?
- Do you think Bo and the Band enjoyed being famous?
- What made the Band want to go back home?
- Where does Bo and the Band find that they are the happiest? What did they have to do to realize that?

### Compare Books

Try comparing the story Bo the Banjo Player with other Sculptlings Books, such as Pete the Skier and compare the 2 messages.

- Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same? (Example: Both Characters thought that showing off and performing would make them happier because people would like them better. Bo thought that traveling with his band would make him happier where Peter wanted to show off to get people to like him. But in the end they were both happier when they were being themselves back at home with their friends.)