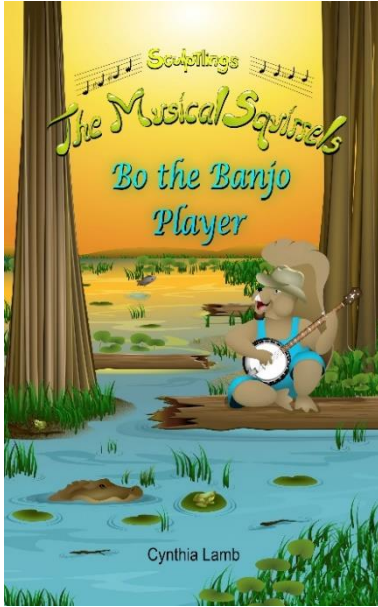


## The Musical Squirrels Series



### Bo the Banjo Player

An Educational Book on Music Skills ( Teaches Where Happiness Comes From.)

Bo the Banjo Player Book is an educational story that teaches kids where happiness comes from. It's an important lesson for a young musician to have. Because our happiness can determine the type of music we listen to and what type of music we want to create.

Bo and his band realize that happiness comes from the heart, not the circumstance. Kids learn an important lesson about happiness from Bo's musical journey.

### 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 3-5:

- 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.

### Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers. Kids 6-7:

- Was Bo happy in the beginning of the story?
- Why did Bo want to travel with the Band?
- 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.)