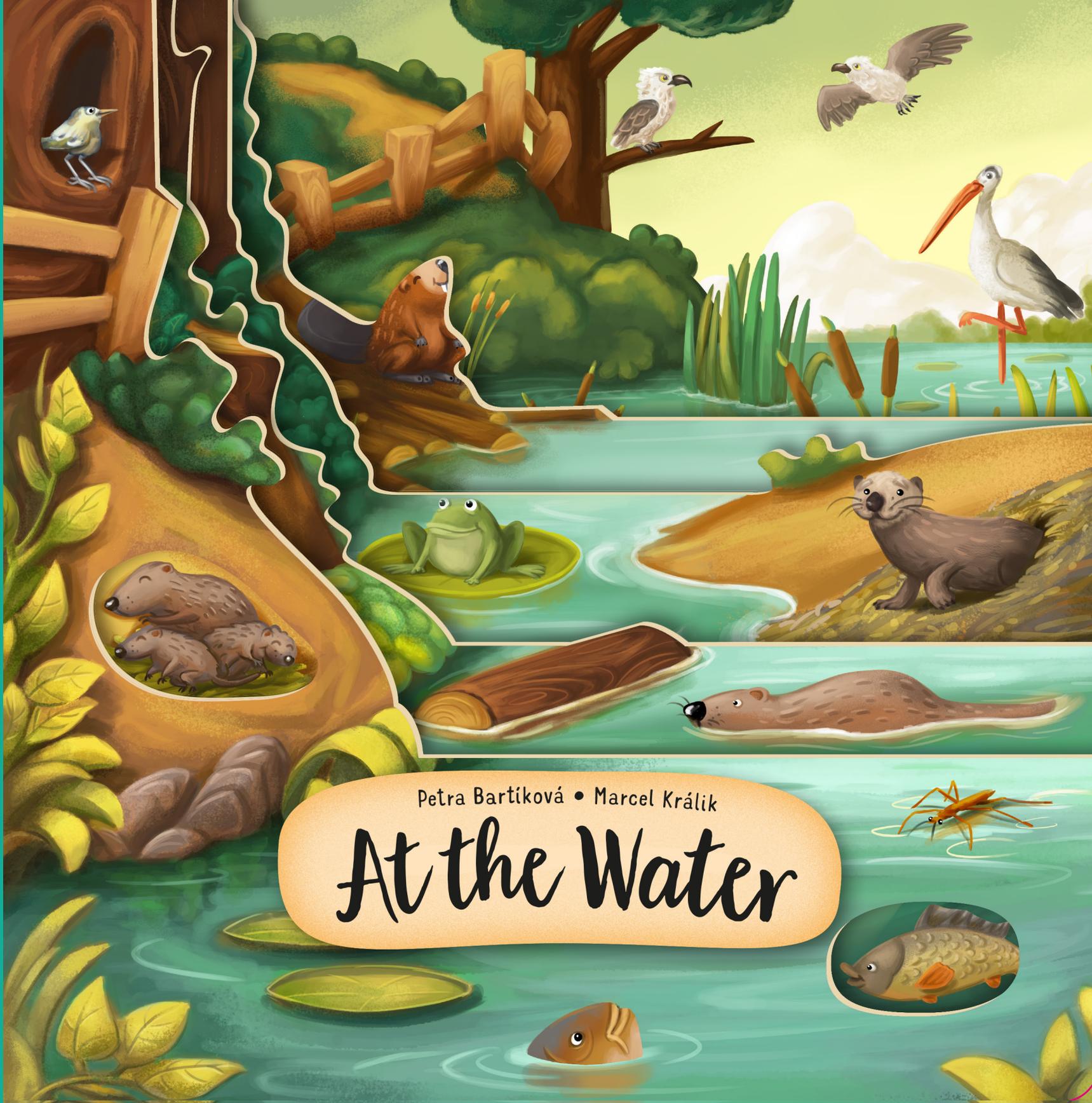




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The coot builds its nest in the reeds. It is so fierce in defence of its young that it gets into fights, even with passing swans!

Like the otter, the beaver is a very good swimmer and diver. It has a distinctive flat tail which it uses as a rudder when swimming.

Beavers in the wild build their homes out of branches, causing damage for humans. But dams are important to beavers, as they raise the water level, so that the entrances to beavers' lodges can be underwater.



Look - there's a bear fishing!  
A family of beavers is building a new dam. Lightning-fast dragonflies are flying back and forth. While the otter rests indulgently on the shore, the cormorant is looking for something to eat. Yes, there's a lot going on at the water. Some creatures, especially fish, can live only deep underwater: they would suffocate on dry land.

Look at the bear feed itself from the river! It lurks on the bank, fishing mainly for salmon, which travel from distant seas through rapids to their native rivers. As soon as a fish jumps out, the bear makes a grab for it. Dinner-time! Munch, munch, munch...

Every true human diver has a snorkel, mask and wet suit. The great crested grebe needs none of these things, yet it can remain underwater for several minutes at a time! Its nest, which it builds of reeds, looks like a floating island.

What colour is it now? The newt enters the water in spring only - to reproduce. It changes colour and grows a high ridge on its back. The female lays her eggs on aquatic plants. After reproduction, newts leave the water to live again on dry land.

A great diver, cormorant, it can swim for its catch all the way to the riverbed. It enters the water quietly, leaping with its legs against its body and its wings flapping. It moves very quickly underwater. It catches fish - notably cod, eels and herring - in its curved beak.



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Take a look  
into the water



How does the  
otter live?

Explore beaver  
castle

Rivers, pools, ponds ... What would animals do without them? With no water, they wouldn't survive. Some animals even live in it, far below the surface ... Come with us to the aquatic and underwater animal kingdom. In this foldout picture book, there are lots of cut-out openings for you to explore.



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