



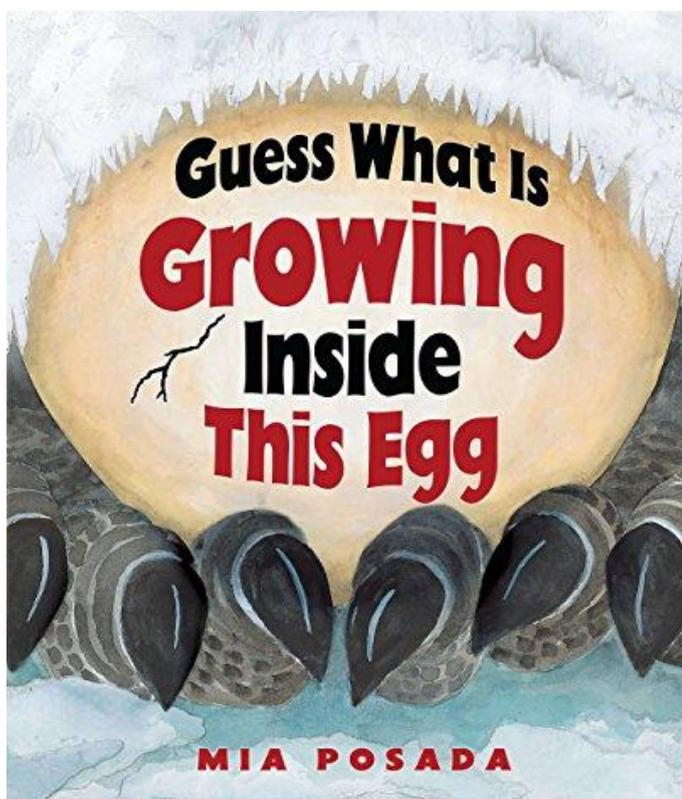
## Suntrap Book Review

### Guess What Is Growing Inside This Egg

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Published by Millbrook Press £9.99 (h/b)

Age range: Four –nine year-olds



#### Description

Crack, crack...animal babies are hatched all over the place. Can you figure out who's who?

Watercolour and collage illustrations depict close-up scenes of an egg or eggs about to hatch. The text hints at what the eggs contain: "Hidden in a rock cave/ Deep beneath the ocean waves/ Their mother wraps her long arms around/ To keep these eggs safe and sound."

The observant young nature lover will find a visual clue of what animal the mother might be. The next spread provides the answer-in this case, it's an octopus. The second spread also provides fascinating facts about the species. The book features a number of species ranging from spiders to penguins to octopuses, and the back matter provides more information about the actual size of various eggs and how they develop.

#### Reviews



'Since our oldest (4 year old) is very much into eggs, we bought him this book. He loves it! It is set up in a way he likes. You see the eggs and you can wonder what's inside. A nice riddle is written next to it. On the next page you see what came out of the egg with some information about the animal.'

Even I learned something! The book has beautiful painted pictures and gives good information in an accessible way. And I must say even our 2 year old wants to read the book of the egg now. He probably does not completely understand the explanation, but

he likes to see the pictures of the egg and what comes out of them.'

'As a primary school teacher, I love thematic units and this book is an excellent nonfiction book concerning animals that grow inside eggs. The author presents a clue about a certain animal that grows inside an egg, which allows readers to guess what the animal is. Then the author gives factual information about this animal and how the egg is important to that animal. It is also a great book to help readers see the different species of animals whose young develop and grow in eggs.'

'I teach infants and was looking for more nonfiction books about oviparous animals. This book was playful ( including a riddle to guess each animal) and included interesting facts about each animal!'