

Charming new children's book shines the light on solar eclipse phenomena

When darkness falls in the middle of the day, woodland friends race to solve the mystery

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Overhearing a conversation about a solar eclipse event inspired Irish author P B Cahill to pen "Someone Stole the Sun", a delightful new rhyming adventure for young children.

"I was sitting in a café near my home at the foot of the Slieve Gullion when I overheard two children ask their mother what a solar eclipse was," Patrick said. "It got me thinking about woodland creatures and how they are affected when it suddenly goes dark in the middle of the day."

It is through the experience of the animals in the story that he helps young readers to understand this scientific phenomenon in a gentle, reassuring way, together with an appreciation of the welfare of the woodland animals who share our planet.

Patrick said being raised on a farm on the Northern/Southern Irish border has made him deeply aware of the connection between nature and the animals we share our planet with. "The alignment of the sun and the moon may be a rare thing, but it is a very special, life-changing sensory experience," he added.

Featuring enchanting illustrations by Brittany Wilson, pals Fox, Mole and Badger are thrown into a state of confusion when it suddenly goes dark in the middle of the day and Rabbit shouts: "Someone has stolen the sun!"

They all have funny ideas about what may have happened to the sun. Could a fire-eating dragon have swallowed it whole? With wild guesses, worried whispers and one very wise Owl, they discover answers often come from listening carefully and thinking wisely.

Perfect for bedtime reading this heartwarming tale of friendship, curiosity and the joy of discovery, will delight little ones, while gently encouraging them to stay calm and ask questions.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- P B Cahill has written two previous children's stories "What Little Robin Saw" and "Tales of Young King Arthur".
- Living at the foot of the Slieve Gullion Mountain on the Northern, Southern Irish border, Patrick finds endless inspiration for his books and poems in the fields and forests around his home.
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