Little Tree in a **Big Forest**

By Paige Hulsey

About the story

Little Tree in a Big Forest follows the life cycle of trees as they grow from seedlings to mighty trees to new creations that can last for generations. Through fun illustrations and a delightful story about a small oak tree and a family of bears, this book explores the important concepts of sustainable resources and caring for the environment through responsible forest management.

Learning Opportunities

- Identifying various tree species
- Noticing what wildlife use the forest for their habitat
- Recognizing numerous everyday products that are made from wood
- Learning about the benefits of proper forest management



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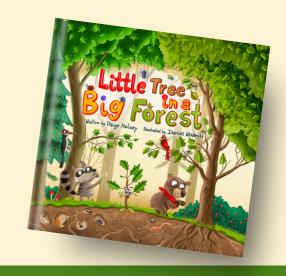
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Free lesson plan, coloring pages, and activity sheets available at PaigeHulsey.com



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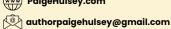
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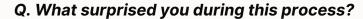
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Q. Why did you want to write this story?

A. I grew up on a farm so I was familiar with landowners timbering property for a variety of reasons and we had good friends who worked at paper mills. When I started raising my children closer to the city, I quickly realized they were a step removed from that early understanding of where some things, from food to paper, come from. I was intentional in my effort to create a story that could be used for learning in classrooms across the country while also being enjoyed as a sweet bedtime story at home. That's why I also created a free lesson plan, plus 15 free activity sheets and coloring pages, that are available on my website.



A. This project made me sit back, look around, and notice just how many products are made from wood. From books to tables and toilet paper, I bet you would lose count of how many forest products you use each day. Not only do trees create items, they also create a lot of jobs. I was surprised to learn how robust the forest products industry is here in the Midwest.

Q. What do you hope readers take away from this story?

A. I hope they walk away with an appreciation for not only things, but also the people who create them. For example, I want our children to appreciate cattle farmers as much as they enjoy eating a cheeseburger and I hope they respect the loggers and mill workers as much as they value their beautifully crafted dinner table.

Q. What else are you working on?

A. I have a quirky bedtime book that was just released this Fall, titled "A Fun Book." It's a collaboration with a St. Louis illustrator. The sequel to my Bad Day series will be released in Spring 2025. Stay tuned for "A Bad Day of Baseball," featuring reader-favorite "Jack" from my debut book, "A Bad Day Fishing."

