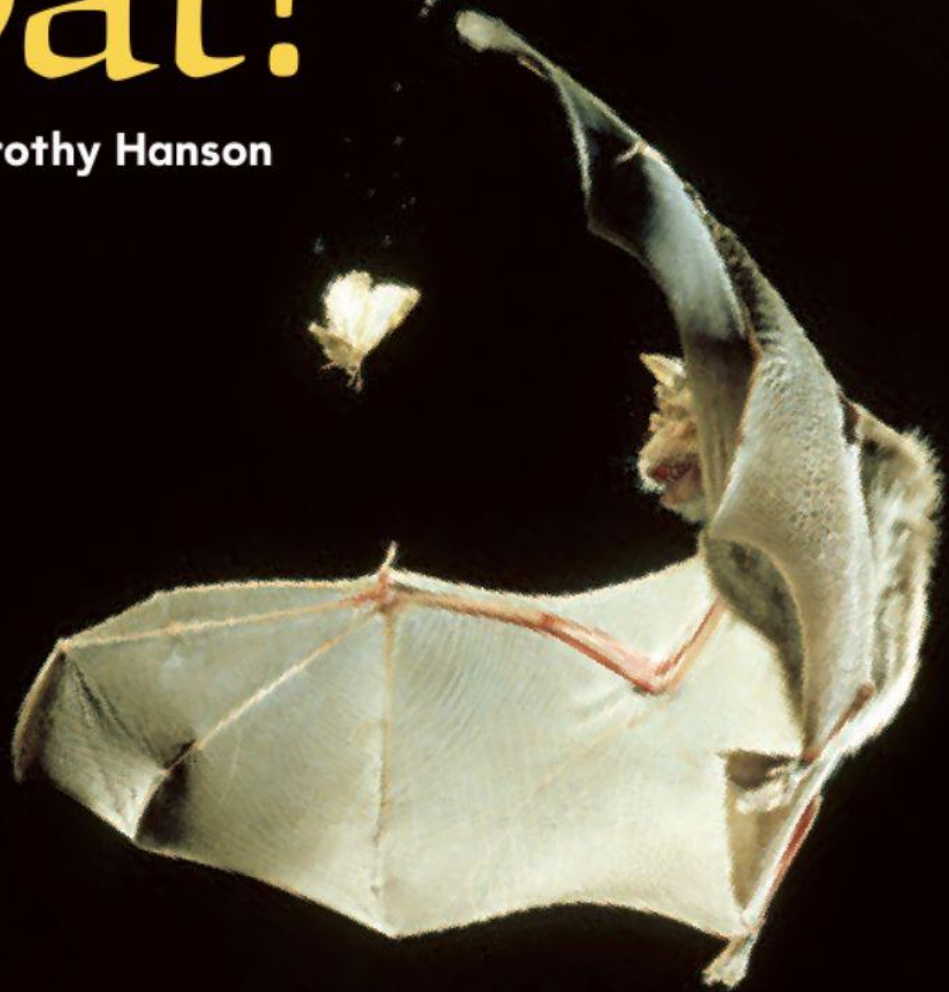




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Sleeping and Hiding


 All day long, a moth **dozes** on a tree. The moth is sleeping and hiding at the same time. All moths have to hide from birds because the birds can eat them. A tree is a good place for a moth to hide. The gray and brown wings on a moth help it look like part of the tree.

🔊 The moth flies out of the tree when the sun goes down. Most birds sleep at night so the moth does not need to keep hiding from the birds.





Bats and Snakes at Night


 The moth still has to be careful. Bats also come out when the sun goes down. A bat can catch a moth in the air and eat it. But most moths are quick and can duck into a bush to hide from a bat.

🔊 The moth joins other moths as they fly around a light. Then the moth hears a **squeak**. Look! It's a bat! The bat heads toward the moth so the moth ducks into some grass to hide. Just then, a snake sees the moth and **slithers** towards it. Quickly, the moth flies away from the snake.





The Clicking Sounds of the Bat

 Another moth flutters in the dark and a bat chases it. The bat makes clicking sounds with its mouth. The sound bounces off the moth and **echoes** back to the bat. The echo helps the bat find the moth in the darkness.


The bat **swoops** at the moth but the quick moth escapes just in time!



🔊 The moth gets away because it also can hear the clicking sounds. The moth knows that the bat is chasing it. When the bat flutters close to the moth, the moth darts away. When the bat gets close again, the moth swoops away. At last, the bat gives up and chases after a different moth.



Moths at Night

 Lots of moths are out at night. The bats chase after the moths and the moths dodge the bats. Most bats are good at chasing and most moths are good at dodging! But the bats need to eat. They try to catch and eat as many moths as they can.