

What's Hatching? What's Next?



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This book was written to teach children about life cycles, in particular about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly as compared to the life cycle of the robin. The author spent the spring of 2009 and 2010 teaching school groups about the monarch at *the Butterflies* Easter exhibit at Oakland Mall. To make learning more interesting for the child, this story was written in the realistic fiction genre.



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Mother robin sits on her nest.



Below, an egg rests on a milkweed plant.



The robin eggs are cracking. Mother robin flies off to find food.



The egg on the milkweed leaf cracks open.



Mother robin feeds her babies.



A small caterpillar wiggles out of an egg and starts to nibble the empty egg shell.