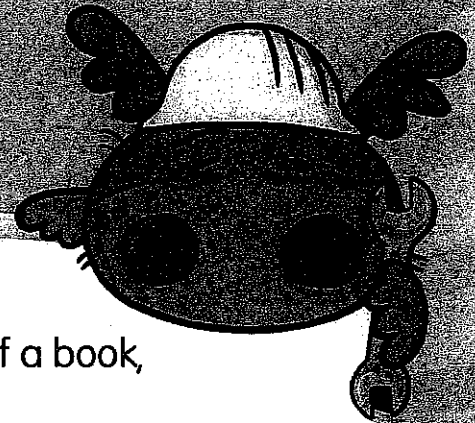


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Main Topic

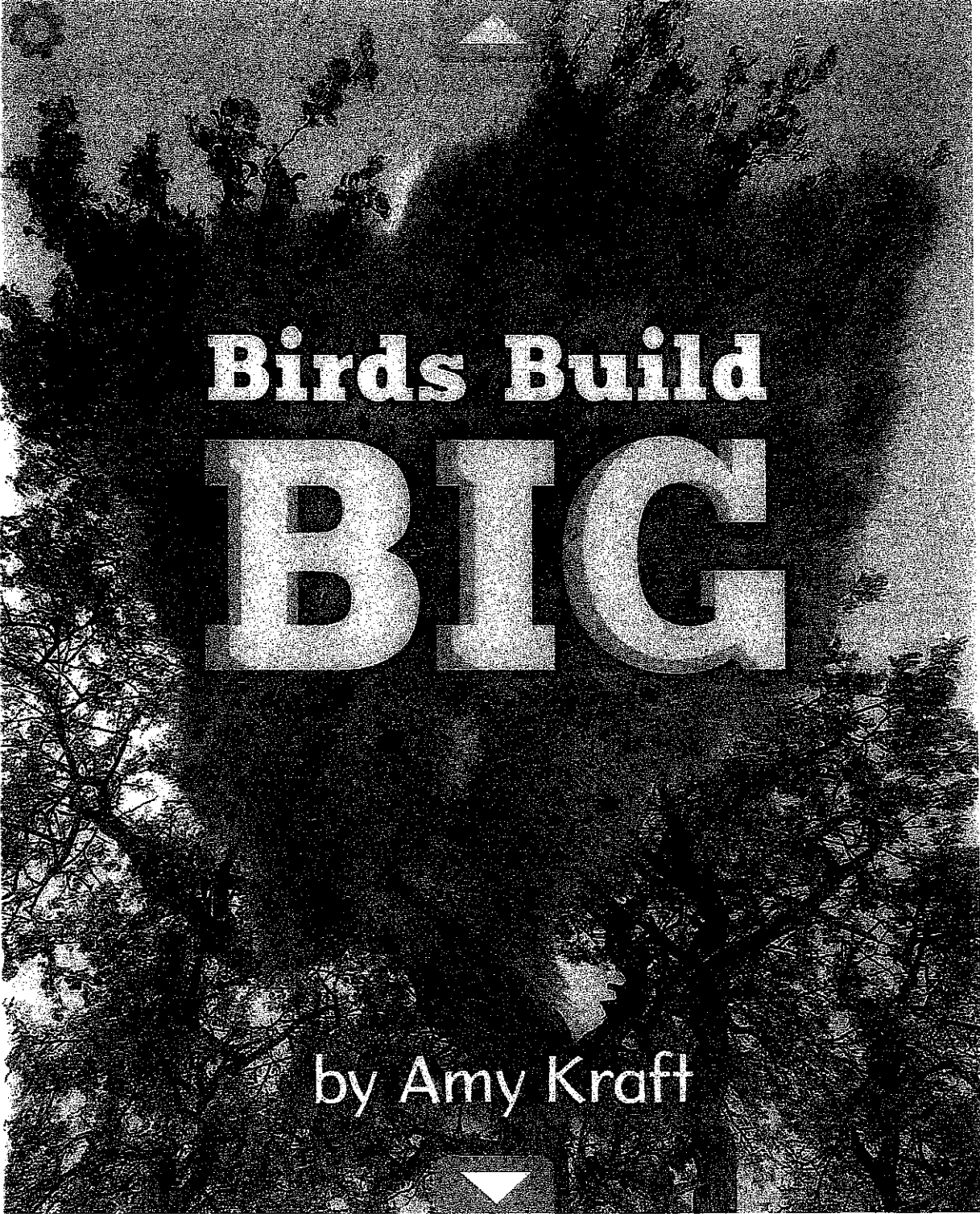


The **main topic** is what a book, or part of a book, is all about.

When you are reading or listening to an information book, ask:

- What is this book all about?
- What are the key details?

The main topic is what the key details are all about.



Birds Build
BIG

by Amy Kraft



Have you ever
been in an
apartment building?
It is a big building
with many small
homes inside it.



apartment building

Some birds
make nests this
way, too. They are
called weaver birds.



weaver bird nest



Weaver birds live in the desert in Africa. These little birds build **BIG** nests. More than 400 birds might live in one nest!

Each bird family has its own room. The birds make tunnels to connect the rooms. The nest is like an apartment building.



This nest has many small rooms inside it.



Weaver birds work together. They use straw to make a nest. The birds stuff straw into the sides and bottom of the nest. This makes the nest bigger.

The birds work on a nest for years. One nest might be as big as your classroom!



Many weaver birds work together on a nest.



A big nest protects weaver birds and their eggs. Snakes and hawks want to eat the eggs. The sharp, spiky straw in the big nest keeps them away.



The spiky straw keeps the snake out.



The big nest makes shade that keeps the birds cool. Feathers and grass in each room keep the birds warm. Rain runs off the slanted roof. The birds stay dry.

Weaver birds know how to work and live together. They know how to build big.



A big nest protects weaver birds.

Question 1 (for p. 1 of passage)

What are inside both a weaver bird nest and an apartment building?

- a. many people
- b. weaver birds
- c. small homes

Question 2 (for p. 2 of passage)

How many birds live in a weaver bird nest?



a.



b.



c.

Question 3 (for p. 3 of passage)

How do weaver birds build their nest?

- a. Weaver birds work alone.
- b. Weaver birds work together.
- c. Weaver birds work in classrooms.

Question 4 (for p. 4 of passage)

What makes the nest a safe place for weaver birds?

- a. The nest is made with sharp, spiky straw.
- b. The nest has many eggs inside it.
- c. The nest is home for hundreds of birds.

Question 5 (for p. 5 of passage)

How does the nest keep weaver birds dry?

- a. The nest makes shade.
- b. The nest has feathers.
- c. The nest has a roof.

Question 6 (for p. 5 of passage)

What is the whole text mostly about?

- a. Weaver birds learn to live in the desert.
- b. Weaver birds like living in apartments.
- c. Weaver birds build and live in big nests.