Raccoon on His Own  
Written and illustrated by Jim Arnosky  
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Visual Art and Literacy

**Focus:** Students will compare Arnosky books that feature water habitats and use different art media. *Deer at the Brook, A Manatee Morning, Turtle in the Sea, & Raccoon on His Own.*

**Pass Objectives:**
2.2 Make connections between illustrations and print.
3.1 Experiment in color mixing with various media.
4.2 Demonstrate respect for personal artwork and the artwork of others.

**Supplies:**

Visit the school or public library to find several copies of: *A Manatee Morning, Turtle in the Sea, Deer at the Brook & Raccoon on His Own.*

Ask the art teacher to demonstrate watercolors, acrylics and acrylic washes & color pencils. Students can experiment with the different media that Arnosky uses.

Discuss the different media each book uses and compare them with the watercolors of *Turtle in the Sea* and *Raccoon on His Own,* the acrylics and acrylic washes of *A Manatee Morning* and the colored pencils of *Deer at the Brook.*