

**Borrowing Bunnies**  
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**Photographs: John Bald**  
**Illustrated: Hazel Mitchell**

**Synopsis:** A heartwarming tale of the author's own journey in fostering two very special bunnies. Peggotty and Benjamin, two Netherland Dwarf rabbits, were rescued by Cynthia's local animal sanctuary. But before they were ready to be adopted, Cynthia had to help them learn to trust people again and feel safe in a new home.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Sept 20, 2020 – National Rabbit Day

**Activity Descriptions:**

- Research the life cycle and habitats of rabbits.
- Write a persuasive letter to your family to let you foster a pet.
- Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast Peggotty and Benjamin.
- Read *Hot Rod Hamster* by same author and discuss differences and similarities.
- Pair with *Rescue and Jessica* and discuss training/raising an animal in order to rehome it.

**Related Websites:**

- Author's webpage: <http://www.cynthialord.com/borrowing-bunnies.html>
- Photographer's webpage: <http://www.johnbald.net/bb/index.html>
- Photographer John Bald's gallery of photos he took for *Borrowing Bunnies* that didn't get chosen for the book (but are pretty cute anyway).  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/johnbald/sets/72157701173126281/>
- Illustrator's webpage: <http://www.hazelmitchell.com/>
- Cynthia Lord's next book "Petunia Took Her Time"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoOUhYQtvXk&feature=youtu.be>
- Coloring pages of borrowing bunnies <http://www.cynthialord.com/pdf/Borrowing-Bunnies-coloring-page.pdf>
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**Text to Text Connections:**

*Little Pink Pup* by Johanna Kerby  
*Petunia Took her Time* by Cynthia Lord  
Shelter Pet Squad series by Cynthia Lord

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