



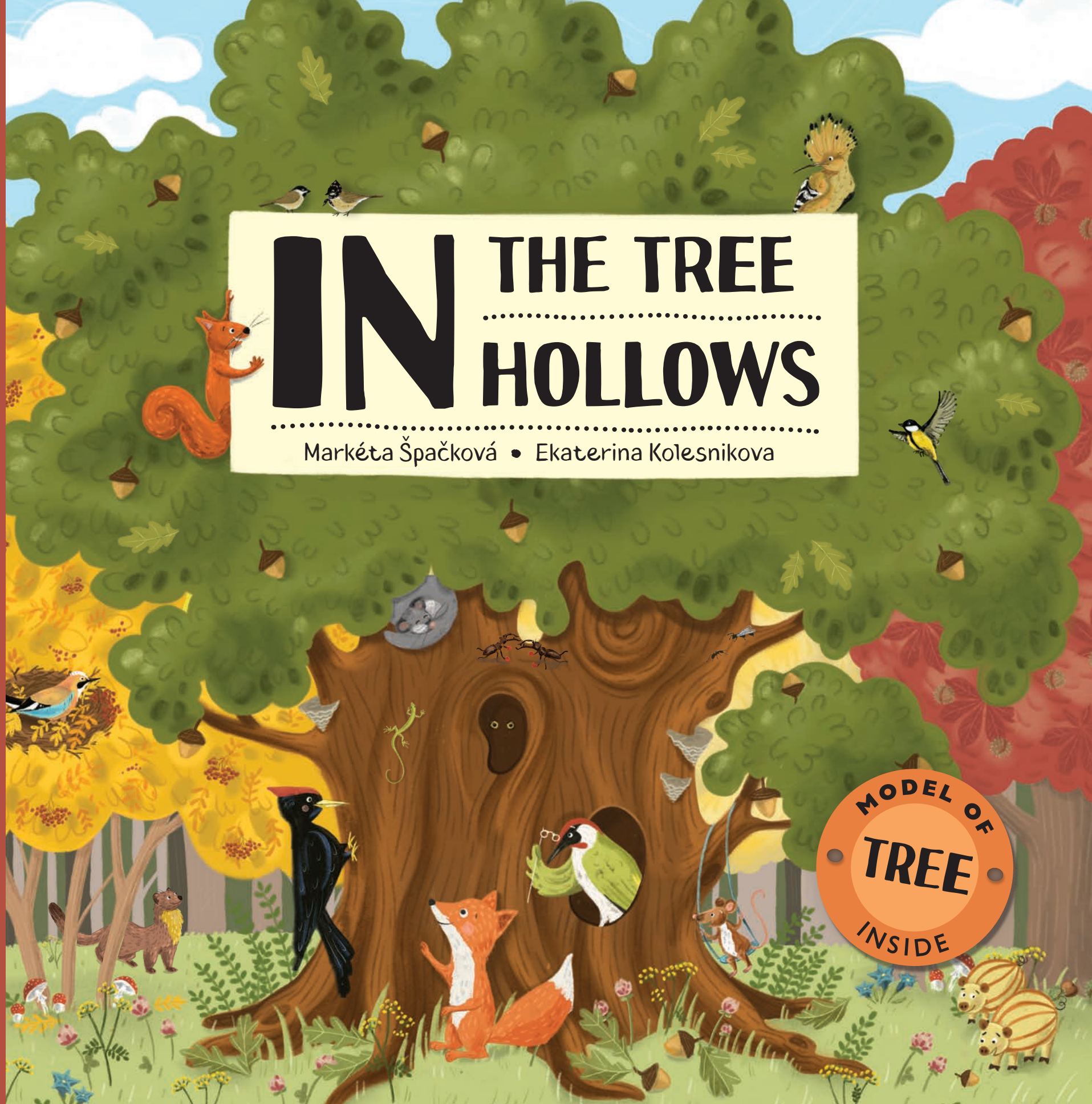
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SQUIRREL'S PRIDE

That's what I call Care. Nicely brush, clean to shine and volumize. We are talking about a squirrel's tail. An important tool for their super-long jumps. It stands to reason that they take such a good care of it.



Red Squirrel

SQUIRREL'S COATS

Red, black, brown or light... such colours can be squirrel's coat. It is interesting that a dark squirrel can bear all of the baby squirrels red and vice versa. But all squirrels have equally bright bellies.



SQUIRREL'S HIDE OUT

Pine cone seeds, mushrooms and acorns, squirrels hide all of these goodies hide into tree holes or bury underground. At the time of need when the belly rumbles they come very handy. If you don't find them, don't be surprised when the forgotten acorns, tucked away in the soil, may one day become new trees.



Three more times comb through to make it a hundred!

GREEN COWBOY

When you see a green woodpecker with a head tilted to the trunk of a tree, you are watching it in search of the larvae. It tries to capture the finest sounds. Once it happens, it pecks a few times in the tree with such a force that the bark flies, and by using its long tongue pulls out the larva straight into the beak. Yum!

Hermit Beetle



I think I won't smell anything at least for a week!

EUROPEAN COUSIN

Green woodpeckers don't need too much comfort or a cosy home. They hollow out a hole in the tree and lays eggs without any bedding. Green woodpeckers aren't wallflowers. They have strong beaks and robust legs with two toes turned to the front and two to the back which makes it easier to climb.



European Green Woodpecker

I think I will audition for Superstar.

GREY DRUMMER

Grey-headed woodpecker is a born drummer. It uses its drumming gift to mark its territory. And, so it drums as much as possible. It uses branches, but also all other objects that cross its path. Since grey-headed woodpecker seeks the human presence, there are many of them.



Grey-headed Woodpecker

HERMIT BEETLE


Hey mice, can you smell that horrible scent? Quickly, put a clothes peg on your tiny little noses! It seems that your neighbour, the hermit beetle, is once again under the impression that night's already fallen. At night, they leave the homes in trees. While travelling, they protect themselves by spreading bad smell around.



The old oak tree is an ideal home for the young squirrel mother and her three children. They settled down here recently in a hole originally for a woodpecker family. When a squirrel mother has babies, she likes to occasionally move to a new home, so as to keep her family safe from hungry martens.



The European Green Woodpecker with its red crown, is significantly smaller than its relative, the black woodpecker, but has much more colourful feathers. The male and female dig out a hollow together in some rotten trees. The work on their nest can take up to three weeks!



A few more acorns
and I'll have enough
for the winter.



A beautifully illustrated encyclopaedia.



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Did you know that every wrinkly old oak contains a whole village, maybe even a whole town? Beetle larvae nibble paths into the wood beneath the bark, making a maternity ward for the birth of baby animals. The oak even has a doctor who treats it with great care, tapping on it and then listening out for what needs to be healed. In return, he can make his home in it, in a hollow under the bark. His neighbours include a family of squirrels, a greedy dormouse holed up in its chamber making thorough preparations for winter, and a little owl called a pygmy. The beautifully illustrated encyclopaedia that forms part of the book will teach you lots of interesting things about the animal kingdom, including the fact that the tree is home to an artist who could compete with the very best human sculptors ...



Visit animals in their dwellings
in the hollow of a tree.



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