Retell vs. Summary

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The book Owl Moon is about a young child who goes out in the woods at night to try to see an owl. This is called "going owling." The child goes with Dad and they go in the wintertime. They have to go late at night, because that's when the owls are out. It's winter, and late at night, so they have to wear very warm clothes. They walk very quietly through the woods. Dad stops every so often to call the owls. He makes an owl sound, and waits to hear if an owl is going to call back. When nothing happens, they just keep walking. Finally, the dad calls to an owl and the owl answers! The dad takes out his flashlight and shines it up in a big tree. The owl is there sitting on a branch. The dad and young child stare at the owl and the owl looks back. They stare at each other for a long time—maybe even a hundred seconds. After they see the owl, it is time to go back home. They don't have to be quiet anymore because it doesn't matter if they scare an owl now. The dad and the child are both very happy that they saw an owl.

Summary

The book, *Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen, describes a father and his young child going owling. They bundle up in warm clothes and head out late one evening to try to see an owl. The father teaches the youngster to be very quiet and observant while he calls for an owl to come. After several attempts, an owl in a big tree answers his call. Both get a good look at the owl before they head home. The child is quite satisfied that the owl hunt was a success.

