

Jessie was a rabbit. She was small and very, very quiet. She had soft grey fur and a snow white tail. She lived in a big field with many other animals. There were lizards and snakes. She saw them mostly in the summer when it was hot. There were tiny mice. They liked to run really fast. The mice got nervous if they were out in the open for very long, so Jessie did not see them too often. Many birds lived in the field too. Some were small. Others were big. Jessie was not afraid of these birds. But there was one type of bird that Jessie was afraid of. Her mom told her to be careful when this type of bird was around. So Jessie always looked carefully before she went into the field to play. She wanted to know if there was a hawk around!

One day Jessie was hopping around the field. She stopped now and then to eat bits of grass. She also stopped to check to make sure there were no hawks in the sky. Then, she found a patch of extra tasty grass. It was sweet and moist. It tasted better than anything Jessie had ever eaten before. After a little while, Jessie remembered what her mother had said. She checked the sky for danger. She saw a hawk flying far up in the sky. She turned and ran back to the bushes where her home was hidden. She was lucky the hawk had not seen her.