

# Talking Book Program



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### Texas Reading Club 2021 Suggested Reading List

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# 2021 SUMMER READING CLUB BIBLIOGRAPHY

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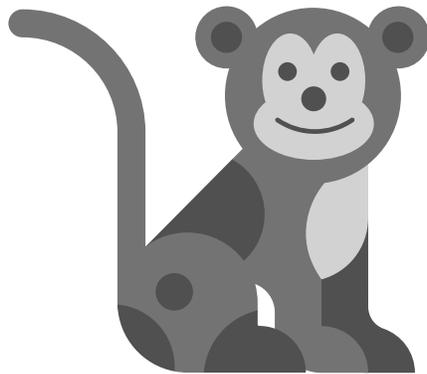
## **LEGEND: BOOK FORMATS**

BR, BT = Braille book

DB, DBC = digital book on cartridge, also available for download from BARD

LB = large print book

## Preschool to Grade 2



ARNOLD, CAROLINE

### **PANDA'S WORLD**

Follows a baby giant panda and his mother for eighteen months in their natural habitat in China. Describes the newborn's appearance, appetite, and movements. Traces his rapid growth from skills development to independence. **PRINT/BRAILLE**. 2006.

**BR 17030**

CALMENSON, STEPHANIE

### **MAY I PET YOUR DOG? THE HOW-TO GUIDE FOR KIDS MEETING DOGS (AND DOGS MEETING KIDS)**

A long-haired dachshund named Harry explains to a young boy the safe way to approach dogs on a leash with their owners. Includes advice about behavior around dogs and how to treat them considerately. 2007.

**DB 65462**

CARTER, DAVID A.

### **FEELY BUGS TO TOUCH AND FEEL**

Fuzzy bugs, feathery bugs, lacy bugs, and leathery bugs are among the tempting textures in this book of tactile fun! **PRINT/BRAILLE**.

**BT 03942**

CLEARY, BRIAN P.

### **ANIMAL GROUPS ARE CATEGORICAL: BUTTERFLY, FLEA, BEETLE, AND BEE; CATFISH, COD, SALMON, AND SCROD; DOLPHIN, FOX, HIPPO AND OX; SALAMANDER, FROG, AND POLLIWOG; SPARROW, EAGLE, PENGUIN, AND SEAGULL; TORTOISE, TREE SNAKE, GATOR, AND SEA SNAKE**

Six books in a series identify creatures in common animal classes. 2013.

**DB 75907**

EMBERLEY, REBECCA

**MY ANIMALS / MIS ANIMALES**

Libro infantil ilustrado presenta nombres de varios animales en español e inglés. Introduces words in English and Spanish for various animals. Bilingüe / Bilingual. **ENGLISH/SPANISH. PRINT/BRILLE.** 2002.

**BT 03388**

LAWSON, CHERI

**CHIP THE BUFFALO: BASED ON A TRUE STORY**

Based on a true story, Chip, a motherless baby buffalo, is raised to adulthood by Bud; and still roams on a Montana private ranch. Informative facts about buffalos and Montana are included.

**DBC 10109**

PFEFFER, WENDY

**WORLD OF SHARKS**

Photographs and simple text for beginning readers introduce twelve species of sharks, including sharks that are fast or slow, sharks that hide in the sand, and sharks that glow.

**PRINT/BRILLE.**

**BT 03936**

PRINGLE, LAURENCE

**SECRET LIFE OF THE RED FOX**

This gorgeous and lyrical book from renowned science author Laurence Pringle follows a year in the life of a red fox named Vixen as she finds food, hunts, escapes threats, finds a mate, and raises her kits all the way to the day that she and her mate watch their kits head off to lead their own secret lives. Celebrate the beauty of these mysterious creatures as readers learn important facts through an engaging and fascinating story. The book also includes back matter with more in-depth information, a glossary, and further resources.

**DBC 08735**

THOMPSON, JIM

**PEANUT OF BLIND FAITH FARM: THE HEARTWARMING TRUE STORY OF A LITTLE BLIND LAMB**

A true story about how a little blind lamb named Peanut has beaten the odds by turning out to be the best sheep of her flock at Blind Faith Farm in Wisconsin. 2017.

**DBC 08308**

## Kindergarten to Grade 3



BUTLER, KRISTI M.

### **G IS FOR GROUNDHOG**

With rhyming fun, read along to discover amazing groundhog facts from A to Z! 2018.

**LB 10208**

CHIN, JASON

### **CORAL REEFS: A JOURNEY THROUGH AN AQUATIC WORLD FULL OF WONDER**

During an ordinary visit to the library, a girl discovers a book about coral reefs. The city around her slips away and she finds herself surrounded by the coral cities of the sea and the mysterious plants and animals that live, hunt, and hide there. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

**DB 93254**

CORMAN, AVERY

### **BARK IN THE PARK! : POEMS FOR DOG LOVERS**

Poems about different kinds of dogs and their unique traits as they romp about in a park. 2019.

**DB 95455**

FOOTE, KRISTEN

### **HOW TO SURVIVE AS A FIREFLY**

How to Survive as a Firefly provides a unique take on insect science that will entertain and educate in and out of the classroom. Full of opportunities for extended learning, this book includes fun facts hidden throughout the hilarious illustrated story—and after, a glossary of important terms about fireflies. If you've ever wondered how these fascinating beetles grow and glow, and you like to laugh while you learn, this book is for you!

**DBC 14922**

HERRIOT, JAMES

**JAMES HERRIOT'S TREASURY FOR CHILDREN**

The rural English veterinarian's animal stories for children are collected in one volume including "Moses the Kitten," "Only One Woof," "The Christmas Day Kitten," and "The Market Square Dog" among others. 1991.

**DB 51132**

JENKINS, STEVE

**APEX PREDATORS: WORLD'S DEADLIEST HUNTERS, PAST AND PRESENT**

Explores some of the most powerful and deadly predators that have existed on this planet. Some of these nightmarish creatures are now extinct, such as the flightless terror bird that was ten feet tall and the strange shrimp that was six-and-half-feet long. 2017.

**DB 88279**

ROCKWELL, ANNE F.

**BUGS ARE INSECTS**

Introduces some common backyard creatures such as the ladybug. Discusses the basic characteristics and differences of bugs and insects. **PRINT/BRAILLE.**

**BR 14007**

ROGERS, FRED

**WHEN A PET DIES**

Mr. Rogers helps parents and children talk about their grief over the loss of a pet and remember the good times that they had with their pet. **PRINT/BRAILLE.**

**BR 07142**

SCHUH, MARI C.

**ROTTWEILERS**

Guardians of those they love, Rottweilers are strong and confident. They were first bred to protect and drive cattle. Today, they often work as police dogs. Beginning readers will love learning why Rottweilers are among the most popular dog breeds in America!

**DBC 00446**

VALDEZ, PATRICIA

**JOAN PROCTER, DRAGON DOCTOR: THE WOMAN WHO LOVED REPTILES**

Recounts the life of Joan Procter, a pioneering female scientist who loved reptiles. Discusses her research at London's Natural History Museum and her design of the new reptile house at the London Zoo. 2018.

**DB 90969**

WECHSLER, DOUG

**HIDDEN LIFE OF THE TOAD**

An overview of the life cycle of the American toad, from egg to tadpole to adult. 2017.

**DB 88920**

WILLIAMS, LILY

**IF POLAR BEARS DISAPPEARED**

Considers what would happen if polar bears disappeared from our planet and highlights how climate change drastically alters the Arctic ecosystem. **PRINT/BRAILLE**. 2018.

**BR 22438**

WILLIAMS, LILY

**IF SHARKS DISAPPEARED**

An exploration of what would potentially happen if sharks disappeared from our planet and the potential repercussions. **PRINT/BRAILLE**. 2017.

**BR 22024**

WOLFF, ASHLEY

**LOS POLLITOS DICEN / THE BABY CHICKS ARE SINGING**

Canta junto con los pollitos en inglés y español. Sing along with the baby chicks in both English and Spanish. **ENGLISH/SPANISH. PRINT/BRAILLE**. 2005.

**BT 03365**



## Grades 2 to 4



DONOHUE, MOIRA ROSE

### **KANGAROO TO THE RESCUE!: AND MORE TRUE STORIES OF AMAZING ANIMAL HEROES**

A collection of stories about amazing animal heroes that will inspire pet owners, farm hands, and others who have an affinity for animals. 2015.

**DB 90665**

ESZTERHAS, SUZI

### **KOALA HOSPITAL: WILDLIFE RESCUE**

Overview of the medical and foster care provided at the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie, Australia. Describes the work of the volunteers, how they care for orphan baby koalas, and the furry animals' eventual release back into the wild. 2015.

**DB 84664**

FLEMING, CANDACE

### **GIANT SQUID**

Explores the mysterious life and anatomy of the elusive giant squid. Provides details on the creature's cunning defense mechanisms as it roams for prey in the ocean's deep. 2016.

**DB 87387**

HARVEY, DEREK

### **DID YOU KNOW?: ANIMALS**

Presents random facts about animals around the world, including why jellyfish glow, why lice live in our hair, how bats find their food in the dark, and why dung beetles collect poop. 2016.

**DB 85305**

JENKINS, STEVE

**SISTERS AND BROTHERS: SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE ANIMAL WORLD**

Facts about various mammals, birds, fish, insects, and reptiles focus on relationships between young animals born to the same mother. Discusses bat twins, armadillo quadruplets, black widow spiders, wild turkey brothers, cichlid and cuckoo catfish stepchildren, and whiptail lizard sisters, among others. **PRINT/BRILLE**. 2008.

**BR 18027**

MORGAN, SALLY

**PETS PLUS: BIRDS, DOGS, GERBILS AND HAMSTERS, HORSES, LIZARDS AND SNAKES, RABBITS, RATS, AND MICE**

Collection of seven books about pets. Each title describes the behaviors of the animal and discusses whether it would be the right pet for you and your family. Includes tips on caring for your pet, a quiz, and a checklist. 2013.

**DB 76239**

POLIQVIN, RACHEL

**BEAVERS**

Explores the many ways that a beaver is an extraordinary animal. For instance, in just a few bites a beaver can chew through a tree the size of your arm! Beavers also have incredibly strong fur that can withstand harsh elements. 2018.

**DB 94192**

RABINOWITZ, ALAN

**BOY AND A JAGUAR**

Autobiography of a wildcat conservationist. Author discusses his lifelong struggle with stuttering and how his love of animals helped him to communicate better and propel himself into a career in wildlife advocacy. **PRINT/BRILLE**. 2014.

**BR 21015 / DB 82083**

SWINBURNE, STEPHEN R.

**ARMADILLO TRAIL: THE NORTHWARD JOURNEY OF THE ARMADILLO**

Describes the behavior, habits, and life cycle of an armadillo family—a mother and her four babies—living in Texas. Discusses their burrow, food choices, digging skills, and tactics used to flee predators. Includes a historical note about the armadillo's presence across the southern United States. **PRINT/BRILLE**. 2009.

**BR 18037 / DBC 08726**

ZOEHFELD, KATHLEEN WEIDNER

**ADVENTURE CAT!: AND MORE TRUE STORIES OF AMAZING CATS!**

Three fantastic felines—Skatty, Dusty, and Vladimir—embark on the adventures of their (nine) lives. Skatty takes to the seas. Dusty gives the phrase "cat burglar" new meaning. And Vladimir treks across the United States. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

**DB 95140**

## Grades 3 to 6

BROWN, MARTIN

**LESSER SPOTTED ANIMALS: THE COOLEST CREATURES YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF**

A collection of amazing yet lesser-known animals. Includes an Australian termite-eating creature called a numbat and a giant guar, which is bigger than a bull and whose bellow can be heard from a mile away. 2017.

**DB 87523**

COLDREY, JENNIFER

**WORLD OF CHICKENS**

"The World of Chickens" is part of a series entitled "Where Animals Live" written for young readers. It explains how chickens feed, defend themselves and reproduce. A glossary explains terms found in the text.

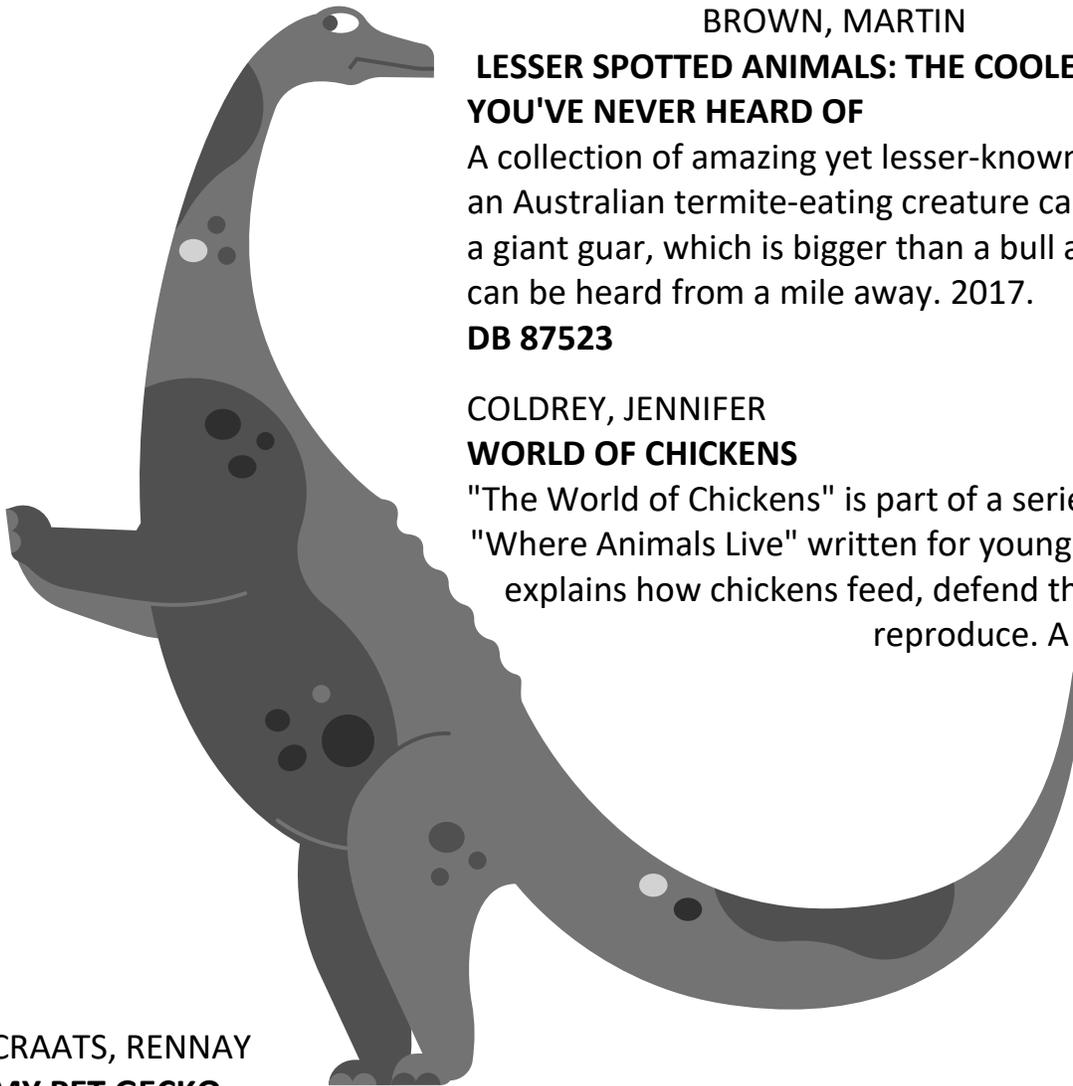
**LB 03644**

CRAATS, RENNAY

**MY PET GECKO**

Provides background information on this harmless lizard species. Explains which geckos make good pets, their living-space, food requirements, and owner's responsibilities. Warns that geckos do not like frequent handling. 2010.

**BR 19089**



DAVIES, NICOLA

**DEADLY!: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MOST DANGEROUS CREATURES ON EARTH**

Overview of some of the world's most dangerous animals: cheetahs, owls, sharks, snakes, wolves, and more. Includes odd tidbits and fun facts, including that extracts from spider venom can be used to treat victims of strokes. 2012.

**DB 84258**

FRANCHINO, VICKY

**ANIMAL BRAINIACS**

Explains the special abilities animals possess, from echolocation to displaying emotions and intelligence. Highlights how elephants can remember things for decades, sperm whales can communicate in their own dialect, and parrots can understand basic concepts and math. 2016.

**DB 84035**

HAMILTON, LYNN

**MY PET FERRET**

Provides basic facts on ferrets' life cycles, physical characteristics, habits, grooming, and food and housing requirements. Discusses the high-maintenance and costly care demanded by these lively and mischievous pets, as well as the pleasure they can bring. 2010.

**BR 18991**

HAMILTON, LYNN

**MY PET TURTLE**

Describes different types of turtles and their needs. Discusses costs to take into consideration and stresses the owner's responsibility to provide healthy conditions for this reptile, which can live up to twenty years. 2010.

**BR 18992**

KEATING, JESS

**CUTE AS AN AXOLOTL: DISCOVERING THE WORLD'S MOST ADORABLE ANIMALS**

Introduces seventeen unique critters that use their "cute" features to survive in the wild, from the fuzzy Australian quokka's wide grin to the gliding skill of the Japanese dwarf flying squirrel. 2018.

**DB 92847**

MARKLE, SANDRA

**GREAT MONKEY RESCUE: SAVING THE GOLDEN LION TAMARINS**

The author explores the plight of the wild golden lion tamarins of Brazil. Discusses the impact of deforestation and the conservation efforts of scientists to save the red-furred species. 2016.

**DB 88919**

MARKLE, SANDRA

**SNOWY OWL INVASION!: TRACKING AN UNUSUAL MIGRATION**

Describes the 2013-2014 irruption of the Arctic snowy owls—a sudden population increase in areas where they were not normally found due to a boom in the lemming population. Discusses potential effects climate change could have on the snowies. 2018.

**DB 90504**

ROSE, DEBORAH LEE

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAK: HOW SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND A 3D-PRINTED BEAK RESCUED A BALD EAGLE**

After a hunter shattered her beak, Beauty, a bald eagle, was rescued in Alaska and relocated to Birds of Prey Northwest, a raptor center in Idaho.

Recounts how scientists and engineers created a prosthetic beak from a 3D printer while her real beak regenerated slowly. 2017.

**BR 22171 / DB 89590**



SWANSON, DIANE

**ANIMAL AHA! THRILLING DISCOVERIES IN WILDLIFE SCIENCE**

Highlights six instances when field scientists observed previously unrecorded animal behavior: gorillas using tools, elephants recognizing themselves in mirrors, dolphins doing math, parrots speaking intelligently, cockroaches learning at night, and pythons' hearts enlarging while eating. 2009.

**BR 18721**

STAR, FLEUR

**DK BRAILLE: ANIMALS**

Learn about lions, elephants, koalas and more in this reference book designed specifically for blind or visually impaired users. **PRINT/BRAILLE** in large print. Board Book. Textured Book. 2016.

**BT 03926**

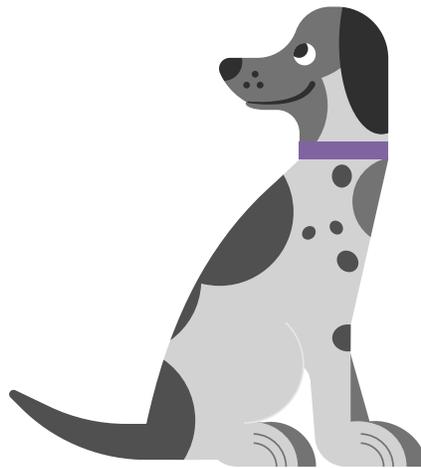
THORNHILL, JAN

**TRIUMPHANT TALE OF THE HOUSE SPARROW**

Discusses the history of the House Sparrow, which has adapted and thrived alongside humans for more than ten thousand years. Sometimes considered an agricultural pest, the House Sparrow has also been viewed as a highly entertaining bird and was purposely introduced into North America. 2018.

**DB 90738**

**Grades 4 to 7**



ALBEE, SARAH

**DOG DAYS OF HISTORY: THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF OUR BEST FRIENDS**

Presents the history of dogs, both famous and infamous, from ancient times to the twenty-first century. Discusses the long relationship between humans and canines, and how dogs are an integral part of our daily lives. 2018.

**DB 91609**

BINIOK, JANICE

**MIXED BREED CATS**

Discusses the responsibilities of cat ownership, from selecting a kitten to caring for it in its old age. Includes a vaccination schedule, suggests when to consult a veterinarian, and describes first-year costs. Covers the history of domestic cats. 2010.

**DB 72409**

CHERRIX, AMY E.

**BACKYARD BEARS: CONSERVATION, HABITAT CHANGES, AND THE RISE OF URBAN WILDLIFE**

Once a threatened species, North Carolina's black bears are now thriving due to conservation efforts of scientists and local citizens. Discusses the impact of population growth and bears' expansion into human habitats. Also examines how other wildlife is affected by human activity. 2018.

**DB 96577**

DAGG, ANNE INNIS

**5 GIRAFFES**

Profiles of five unique giraffes from both captivity and the wild. Includes information on their evolution, diet, and social life. Highlights the unusual body parts of giraffes, from their long necks to their four stomachs. 2016.

**DB 87405**

HUTTO, JOE

**WHEN I WAS A TURKEY: BASED ON THE EMMY AWARD-WINNING PBS DOCUMENTARY MY LIFE AS A TURKEY**

Naturalist recounts the true story of how he raised a flock of wild turkeys using imprinting from the moment they hatched. For two years he cared for the flock of birds and immersed himself in their world. 2017.

**DB 91134**

FURSTINGER, NANCY

**UNSTOPPABLE: TRUE STORIES OF AMAZING BIONIC ANIMALS**

A collection of stories featuring animals learning to use prosthetic limbs after losing their own. Allison, for example, is a sea turtle left with only one flipper after a predator attack. The rescue center staff designed a suit for her to be able to swim and change directions. 2017.

**DB 89502**

MARRIN, ALBERT

**SAVING THE BUFFALO**

Traces the history of the buffalo on the Great Plains, from its role in Native American cultures before 1800 to its near extinction in the twentieth century. Discusses the founding of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 1866 and other conservation efforts. 2006.

**DB 64107**

NEWMAN, PATRICIA

**SEA OTTER HEROES: THE PREDATORS THAT SAVED AN ECOSYSTEM**

Marine biologist investigates the mystery of how sea grasses are thriving in nutrient-polluted waters of Elkhorn Slough, an inlet of Monterey Bay in Northern California. His studies provide evidence that sea otters play an essential part in maintaining a healthy balance in this particular ecosystem. 2017.

**DB 88475**

SILVERSTEIN, ALVIN

**POCKET PETS**

Describes ten small pets and how to raise them. Includes common animals such as guinea pigs and rabbits and some unusual ones, among them the degu and the duprasi. 2000.

**BR 15175**

SETTEL, JOANNE

**EXPLODING ANTS: AMAZING FACTS ABOUT HOW ANIMALS ADAPT**

In order to survive, Settel writes, animals sometimes do things that seem gross to humans. She describes how caterpillars, ants, birds, frogs, and other creatures find food, shelter, and safety by doing such things as swallowing whole animals, eating waste droppings, or drinking blood.

**BR 12642**



TURNER, PAMELA S.

**CROW SMARTS: INSIDE THE BRAIN OF THE WORLD'S BRIGHTEST BIRD**

Follows a scientist to the island of New Caledonia in the Pacific Ocean to study crows in aviaries and in the wild. Investigates the intelligence levels of birds that can craft their own tools and are able to solve puzzles. 2016.

**DB 85946**

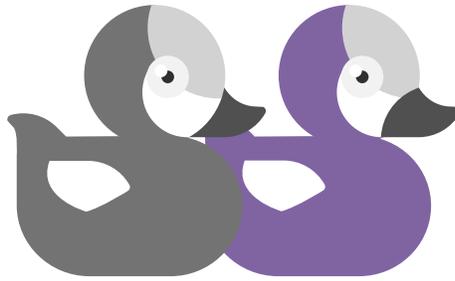
WARREN, CAT

**WHAT THE DOG KNOWS**

There are thousands of scent-detection dogs all over the United States. This group includes cadaver dogs; tracking, trailing, and apprehension dogs; dogs that can locate unmarked graves of Civil War soldiers; and even dogs that can find drowning victims more than two hundred feet below the surface of a lake. What the Dog Knows shows the science, the rigorous training, and the skilled handling that underlie these amazing abilities. 2019.

**LB 12617**

## Grades 5 to 8



AASENG, NATHAN

### **POISONOUS CREATURES**

Explores the diverse world of poisonous animals that employ a kind of "chemical warfare" for hunting their food or for protecting themselves from predators. Discusses venomous sea creatures, insects, snakes, and mammals, as well as antivenin research and the treatment of snakebite.

**DB 49050**

ARNOLD, NICK

### **ANGRY ANIMALS: HORRIBLE SCIENCE**

The world is filled with angry animals. But which ones really pose a threat to humans? Whether it's the African plain, the Indian jungle, or the South Pacific Ocean, discover which deadly animals can be found prowling about. 2005.

**DB 88545**

COHEN, DANIEL

### **TALKING WITH THE ANIMALS**

Traces man's attempts to communicate with other species, from ancient to modern times. Explores myths, legends, and present research.

**BR 02801 / DB 13230**

FRYDENBORG, KAY

### **WILD HORSE SCIENTISTS**

Discusses wild horses that reside on Assateague Island National Seashore, a barrier island between Virginia and Maryland. Details their diet, physical characteristics, life cycles, and behavior, including their interactions with humans. Explains the steps taken to control overpopulation. Contains glossary and resources. 2012.

**BR 19866 / DB 76337**

HOLMES, THOM

**GIGANTIC LONG-NECKED PLANT-EATING DINOSAURS: THE PROSAUROPODS AND SAUROPODS**

Discusses general features of these two dinosaur groups, their similarities, and differences. The sauropods were the longest, tallest, and heaviest land animals ever to walk the Earth. Describes a blooper that misled scientists for over a century and the discovery of fossil dinosaur eggs in Argentina. 2001.

**DB 55082**

IVERSEN, E.H.

**ANIMAL AVIATORS: MASTERS OF FLIGHT**

Introduces animals that glide, soar, and fly—especially birds, insects, and bats. Explains how their bodies work for them on taking off, maneuvering in the air, and landing. Discusses migration as long-distance flight ability and presents a brief history of human air travel. 2001.

**DB 55293**

JOHNSON, REBECCA L.

**ZOMBIE MAKERS: TRUE STORIES OF NATURE'S UNDEAD**

Describes the life cycles of fungi, diseases, and parasites that infect creatures and take over their bodies and brains. Discusses a fly-enslaving fungus, a suicide-causing worm, a cockroach-taming wasp, and other creatures that live off host animals. 2013.

**BR 20094**

MONTGOMERY, SY

**HYENA SCIENTIST**

Explores the work of zoologist Kay Holekamp as she researches hyenas in Africa. Discusses the different team members, life at the research camp, and the exciting new data they collect on the hyenas whose clans are dominated by females. 2018.

**DB 91383**

MONTGOMERY, SY

**SAVING THE GHOST OF THE MOUNTAIN: AN EXPEDITION AMONG SNOW LEOPARDS IN MONGOLIA**

Chronicles a trip to Altai Mountains, Mongolia, by scientist Tom McCarthy and his team, who study and protect the elusive snow leopard. Discusses McCarthy's background, interests, and enjoyment of field work. Provides facts on the animals, peoples, and history of the region. 2009.

**DB 70022**

PATENT, DOROTHY HINSHAW

**SAVING THE TASMANIAN DEVIL: HOW SCIENCE IS HELPING THE WORLD'S LARGEST MARSUPIAL CARNIVORE SURVIVE**

Follows the scientists who are working to stop a contagious tumor that is killing the Tasmanian devil. The research being done on the Australian marsupial has potential to affect all animals, and even humans, as they learn more about how to prevent and hopefully eradicate certain genetic diseases. 2019.

**DB 96962**

SAYRE, APRIL PULLEY

**SECRETS OF SOUND: STUDYING THE CALLS AND SONGS OF WHALES, ELEPHANTS, AND BIRDS**

Explores how and why animals communicate. Discusses the scientists who study animal sounds and the technology used for conducting research underwater, in African forests, and in the night skies. Explains how this information helps conservation efforts for endangered species. 2002.

**DB 55909**

## Grades 6 to 9



CASTALDO, NANCY F.

**BEASTLY BRAINS: EXPLORING HOW ANIMALS TALK, THINK, AND FEEL**

Discusses the different levels of animal intelligence and what that means about our own species. Researchers discover far more similarities than one might suspect. Also explores emotions, empathy, communication, and social communities of certain creatures. Includes tips on how to observe & record animal behaviors on your own. 2017.

**DB 88639**

FLANAGAN, GERALDINE LUX

**WINDOW INTO A NEST**

Intimate look at the private world of a family of birds. Follows a cock and hen through courtship and bonding, mating and laying the eggs, and parenting a brood of seven until the chicks are ready to fly from the nest.

**BR 03981**

KEANE, JOHN

**SHERLOCK BONES: TRACER OF MISSING PETS**

The first and only professional pet detective in the United States tells about his most spectacular cases. He also includes his ten-step method for recovering lost pets.

**DB 17102**

LEVITIN, SONIA

**REIGNING CATS AND DOGS**

Account of a family's expansion from a one-dog household to a menagerie. Escapades develop from the intelligence, affection, and idiosyncrasies of the family and the animals.

**BR 04358 / DB 16297**

MCPHEE, RICHARD B.

**TOM AND BEAR: THE TRAINING OF A GUIDE DOG TEAM**

Twenty-six days in the lives of Tom, a blind college student, and Bear, his golden retriever guide dog. A diary of the daily regimen describes both the frustrations and the successes of Tom and Bear as they adjust to each other and to the newness of their relationship.

**BR 05296 / DB 20007**

SILVERBERG, ROBERT

**AUK, THE DODO, AND THE ORYX: VANISHED AND VANISHING CREATURES**

The author pleads for conservation in this survey of many extinct and nearly extinct animals. The extinct are described in excerpts from accounts of people who saw them before they disappeared. The author also discusses a few animals recently rediscovered and some that have been spared extinction.

**BR 01127**

STEIG, JEANNE

**CONSIDER THE LEMMING**

A delightful collection of humorous verse about members of the animal kingdom—their attributes and idiosyncrasies.

**DB 30509**

WINN, MARIE

**CENTRAL PARK IN THE DARK: MORE MYSTERIES OF URBAN WILDLIFE**

A journalist's account of nighttime natural-history explorations in the thirty-seven-acre wilderness area of New York City's Central Park. Chronicles eleven years spent observing nature, insects, and animals. Describes the park's creatures and people watching them. 2008.

**DB 69617**

YOUNG, KAREN ROMANO

**SHARK QUEST: PROTECTING THE OCEAN'S TOP PREDATORS**

Overview of sharks, from their intelligence and feeding habits to how researchers study sharks at sea. Discusses the human impact on their populations, and what we can do to save these incredible predators. 2018.

**DB 92640**

**ZOOS AND ANIMAL WELFARE**

Fourteen articles from reputable organizations and experts debate whether animals suffer in captivity. Essays discuss whether elephants belong in zoos or sanctuaries, whether there is a problem with surplus captive animals, the role of zoos in education and animal conservation, and the future of zoos. 2008.

**DB 69526**

## Grades 9 to 12



BEKOFF, MARC

**ANIMALS MATTER: A BIOLOGIST EXPLAINS WHY WE SHOULD TREAT ANIMALS WITH COMPASSION AND RESPECT**

Scientist discusses the ethics of using animals in research, education, food, clothing, and entertainment. Covers the differences between animal rights and welfare. Examines the purposes of farms and zoos. Foreword by Jane Goodall. 2007.

**DB 66353**

GORRELL, GENA K.

**WORKING LIKE A DOG: THE STORY OF WORKING DOGS THROUGH HISTORY**

This book describes the evolution, history, and training of working dogs. The author describes the different ways dogs assist people.

**DBC 00479**

GRAHAM, BERNIE

**CREATURE COMFORT: ANIMALS THAT HEAL**

British psychologist describes "the potential health benefits that can be derived from the company of a wide range of animals." Includes success stories of animal-assisted therapy involving dolphins, guide dogs, horses, and cats. 2000.

**DB 56348**

HAMILTON, GARRY

**SUPER SPECIES: THE CREATURES THAT WILL DOMINATE THE PLANET**

Profiles invasive species that are dominating ecosystems around the world. Describes their adaptive traits, methods for spreading to new territories, and the environmental damage they cause. Discusses different scientific viewpoints on the species' effects on biodiversity. 2010.

**DB 73489**

LUFKIN, ELISE

**TO THE RESCUE: FOUND DOGS WITH A MISSION**

Animal-adoption advocate profiles fifty-two dogs and one cat that were rescued from abuse or abandonment and trained as therapy and service animals. Offers firsthand accounts of individuals who benefited from their companionship. Includes questions to consider before adopting a dog. 2009.

**BR 18838 / DB 70466**

MONTGOMERY, SY

**WALKING WITH THE GREAT APES: JANE GOODALL, DIAN FOSSEY, BIRUTE GALDIKAS**

The author provides a synthesis of studies conducted by three renowned woman scientists. Goodall of England has observed chimps in Tanzania since 1960; Fossey of the U.S. lived among the gorillas of Rwanda for eighteen years before her murder in 1985; and Galdikas of Canada has made her home among the orangutans in Indonesian Borneo since the early 1970s.

**DB 37906**

PLAIN, NANCY

**THIS STRANGE WILDERNESS: THE LIFE AND ART OF JOHN JAMES AUDUBON**

Details the life of John James Audubon (1785-1851), an artist and naturalist, who set about documenting in both words and images the birds of North America, culminating in his masterpiece, *The Birds of America*. 2016.

**DB 83852**

SHUKER, KARL

**HIDDEN POWERS OF ANIMALS: UNCOVERING THE SECRETS OF NATURE**

Explains wild and domestic animal behavior via scientific research on psychic pets, whale strandings, fainting goats, talking apes, homing horses, and waltzing worms, among other species. 2001.

**DB 58120**

WASSINK, JAN L.

**MAMMALS OF THE CENTRAL ROCKIES**

Guide to the mammals of Colorado, Utah, and Southeastern Idaho. It places each animal in its ecological "niche" by providing insights into its daily life.

**DBC 07354**

## Senior High and Older



BITTNER, MARK

**WILD PARROTS OF TELEGRAPH HILL: A LOVE STORY...WITH WINGS**

Author recounts how his bohemian lifestyle led him to discover a flock of feral tropical parrots living in San Francisco's Telegraph Hill. Describes spending more than six years caring for the parrots and catching the attention of documentary filmmaker Judy Irving. 2004.

**DB 63592**

CALL, HUGHIE

**LITTLE KINGDOM**

A mother's loving tribute to her daughter's special world. Born on her parents Montana sheep ranch, young Wezie Call filled her days with the companionship of animals, including horses, geese, sheep and a herd of turkeys. Call tells of her daughter's bond with the animals with sensitivity and charm.

**DBC 13713**

CHAMBERLIN, J. EDWARD

**HORSE: HOW THE HORSE HAS SHAPED CIVILIZATIONS**

Professor explores the impact of horses on human history and consciousness since ancient times. Traces their role in the cultures of Egypt, the Middle East, China, Europe, and the Americas and their effect on farming, transportation, gaming, and warfare. Examines the human fascination with horses and the equine spirit. 2006.

**DB 63599**

CHEEK, ROLAND

**LEARNING TO TALK BEAR, SO BEARS CAN LISTEN**

One man's look into the complexities surrounding grizzly bear conservation of the latter twentieth century is the theme of this non-fiction book. The author, Roland Cheek, spent years as a guide and outfitter and experienced much of the grizzly in his own habitat. He analyzes the social, political and biological implications of grizzly bear protection projects. The narrative is replete with specific examples of bear behavior and people's reactions to the behavior.

**DBC 14019**

DAMEROW, GAIL

**BARNYARD IN YOUR BACKYARD: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO RAISING CHICKENS, DUCKS, GEESE, RABBITS, GOATS, SHEEP, AND CATTLE**

Straightforward, comprehensive instructions on caring for livestock on a small farm. Provides pros and cons of raising these animals and tips on feeding and housing them. Includes a glossary and a list of helpful organizations and web sites. 2002.

**DB 56078**

DUKIN, KERRY

**ANIMAL CARE**

Guide to careers dealing with both wild and domesticated animals. Discusses job duties, salary ranges, work environment, and required education level for such occupations as

animal trainer and shelter employee, naturalist, park ranger, pet groomer, veterinarian, veterinary technician, zookeeper, and more. 2006.

**DB 63612**

FARRIER, DENIS

**COUNTRY VET**

A veterinarian describes his experiences doctoring animals in England, Egypt, and Malta. In addition to his years as a country vet, he has also served as an army doctor and as physician to farm families.

**BR 03051**

HANNA, WARREN LEONARD

**THE GRIZZLIES OF GLACIER**

To the millions of visitors to Glacier Park, the grizzly has been a chief attraction and source of interest and controversy. To some it is a ferocious killer, to others, a courageous adventurer. This book provides an understanding of the great bears and the part they play in the ecology of the areas where they still survive. Violence.

**DBC 13859**

HERRIOT, JAMES

**TODAS LAS CRIATURAS GRANDES Y PEQUENAS**

Un veterinario ingles narra diversas experiencias en su trabajo rural en Inglaterra, ya sea tumbado de espaldas en un establo lleno de barro asistiendo en el nacimiento de un ternero, o consolando a un anciano cuyo perro -su única compañía- acaba de morir. Clásico y Bestseller. Libro en español. **SPANISH LANGUAGE.**

**DB 13776**



KILARSKI, BARBARA

**KEEP CHICKENS!: TENDING SMALL FLOCKS IN CITIES, SUBURBS, AND OTHER SMALL SPACES**

A collection of frequently asked questions for city slickers who want to raise poultry. Coop construction, hen selection and care, egg laying and gathering (one doesn't need a rooster to get eggs), and chicken health are among the tips for the urban breeder. Includes recipes. 2003.

**DB 57434**

LACHMAN, LARRY

**BIRDS OFF THE PERCH: THERAPY AND TRAINING FOR YOUR PET BIRD**

A guide to understanding and correcting behavior problems like biting, screaming, and feather plucking most often seen in younger birds. The authors emphasize communication, positive reinforcement, and the use of family therapy techniques. Provides important information on choosing a bird, maintaining its good health, and contacting helpful organizations. 2003.

**DB 56222**

MONTGOMERY, SY

**GOOD GOOD PIG: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER HOGWOOD**

Naturalist and author of Search for the Golden Moon Bear (DB 59135) writes of Christopher Hogwood, her seven-hundred-fifty-pound pet pig. Reminisces about Chris's life from sickly runt to celebrity hog, and his antics and good nature that provided the author and her husband fourteen years of entertainment and affection. 2006.

**DB 63822**

NIXON, ROB

**DREAMBIRDS: THE STRANGE HISTORY OF THE OSTRICH IN FASHION, FOOD, AND FORTUNE**

The ostrich is the constant in these memories of growing up in South Africa and later of commercial farming in Arizona. Besides recounting the role of the ostrich in his personal life, Nixon traces how society's whims influenced the raising of these unusual birds.

**DB 51611**

PEPPERBERG, IRENE M.

**ALEX AND ME: HOW A SCIENTIST AND A PARROT DISCOVERED A HIDDEN WORLD OF ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE—AND FORMED A DEEP BOND IN THE PROCESS**

Researcher describes her thirty-year relationship with the African Grey parrot Alex and relates the personality of and emotional connections made by the bird who told her "You be good. I love you," each night. Expands on observations of Alex's groundbreaking cognitive achievements detailed in The Alex Studies (DB 51983). 2008.

**DB 68344**

PEIRANO, AMALIA

**TODO SOBRE GATOS = ALL ABOUT CATS**

Proporciona información preliminar sobre los gatos, incluyendo los factores a considerar en la selección de un gato como mascota, que se debe hacer cuando se trae un gato o gatito a la casa, y como alimentarlo, cuidarlo y entrenarlo. Además, provee información

general sobre la anatomía y las enfermedades felinas, como prepararlos para mudanzas o viajes, y sobre las razas y la crianza de gatos. Libro en español. **SPANISH LANGUAGE.**  
**DB 40880**

STANGER, MARGARET A.

**THAT QUAIL, ROBERT**

The author recounts her experiences with a female quail—misnamed Robert—who hatched from an abandoned egg and developed under the care of neighbors, a retired couple, on Cape Cod. Recalls the highly social and intelligent bird's rejection of freedom and preference for sharing family life.

**BR 00355 / DB 66226**

TABOR, ROGER K.

**100 MANERAS DE ENTENDER A SU PERRO**

Biólogo, naturalista, y psicólogo de animales internacionalmente conocido, ofrece detalles sobre cómo entender a los perros. Explora 100 temas, incluyendo la historia de razas específicas, dieta, problemas de salud y comportamiento. Tabor reconstruye el mundo de los canes para entendimiento de los humanos. Traducido del Inglés. **SPANISH LANGUAGE.** 2007.

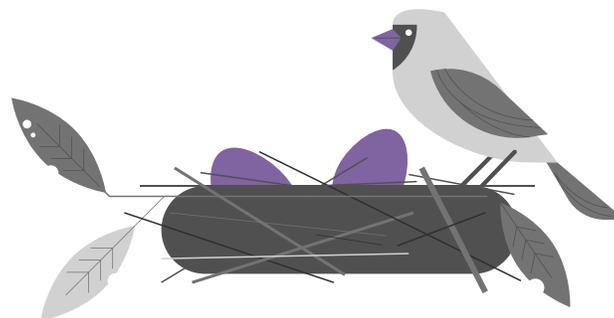
**DB 80998**

TARTE, BOB

**ENSLAVED BY DUCKS**

Describes the author's move from the Michigan suburbs to the country and the unruly menagerie he and his wife accumulated along the way—including Stanley Sue, a gender-switching African grey parrot; Hector, a grumpy Muscovy duck who likes sitting on shoulders; Howard, an amorous dove; and Chloe, a mallard who learned to limp. 2003

**DBC 00111**



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