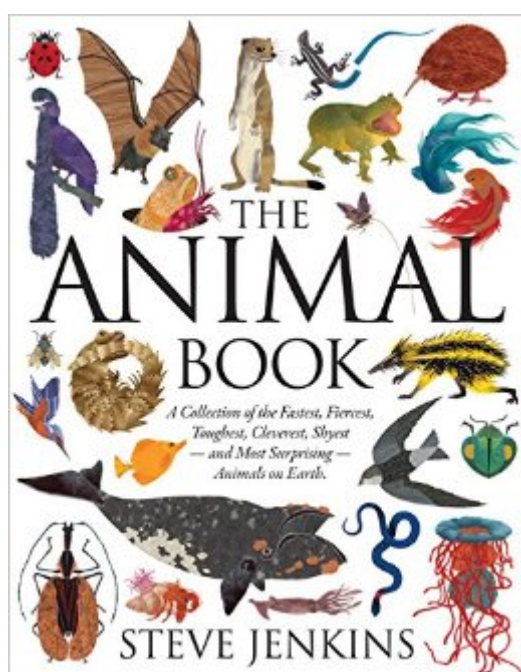


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# The Animal Book: A Collection Of The Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest, and Most Surprising Animals On Earth (Boston Globe-Horn Book Honors (Awards))



## Synopsis

Animals smooth and spiky, fast and slow, hop and waddle through the two hundred plus pages of the Caldecott Honor artist Steve Jenkins's most impressive nonfiction offering yet. Sections such as "Animal Senses," "Animal Extremes," and "The Story of Life" burst with fascinating facts and infographics that will have trivia buffs breathlessly asking, "Do you know? a termite queen can produce up to 30,000 eggs a day?" Jenkins's color-rich cut- and torn-paper artwork is as strikingly vivid as ever. Rounding out this bountiful browser's almanac of more than three hundred animals is a discussion of the artist's bookmaking process, an animal index, a glossary, and a bibliography. A bookshelf essential!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

The Animal Book is a groundbreaking work that sets a high bar for natural science books for children (and adults) of any age. Steve's incessant curiosity and broad knowledge of the natural sciences has allowed him to create a book that far exceeds the standard non-fiction children's book. The Animal Book contains hundreds of critters, from very tiny insects and reptiles like the recently discovered Amau frog, to the huge fifty-foot long oarfish and now extinct Shastasaurus. The

book is divided into 8 unique sections, each covering various themes such as animal senses, family, animal defenses, and a brief explanation of how these creatures evolved. The pages are filled with gorgeous illustrations comprised of collages made (amazingly) of cut and torn paper. Take a close look at the cover above or click on the look inside link above to see samples of his painstaking illustrations. They come with captions containing fascinating and sometimes-unexpected information that will maintain a young child's attention, and are intelligent and unusual enough to keep an adult hooked. This is a big book, with more than 200 8.5x11" pages. Each chapter is followed with a chart that shows, graphically clear and clean, a lot of information at once. The charts remind one of the works from the brilliant chart maker, Edward Tufte. An illustrated index contains even more animal facts. This book is packed with so much information--a reader can open it up anywhere and get sucked in. Steve also included an unusual chapter that reveals the process of creating a children's book. He's been making books for more than two decades, and is an expert at his craft--The New York Times has recognized Steve as an important children's book author and illustrator dealing with natural science. The Animal Book really is THE animal book for kids--the kind of book that could have an impact on the life of a child, the kind of book that might stay with a child for many years. Full disclosure: I have known Steve since high school, and have watched Steve's illustrations and writing skills grow exponentially from his very first book two decades ago to this amazing work.

“The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest and Most Surprising --- Animals on Earth” is a beautifully illustrated, very informative book that both children and adults will love. Steve Jenkins has created an outstanding, easy-to-read book that provides an overview of the animal kingdom; the family structure of different species; animal senses; predators; animal defenses; and animal extremes in size, life spans, etc. Jenkins also includes a brief section on the theory of evolution and Charles Darwin. Timelines and chronological depictions of the progression of species are very interesting. The artwork of The Animal Book alone makes this book worth purchasing. Many of the illustrations appear to be cut-paper and are visually rich in texture and perspective. The book is printed on heavy, shiny paper stock. Colors are bright and clear. A different color marker at the top of the page indicates a different section of the book; this makes navigating The Animal Book easier for younger readers. Steve Jenkins™ “The Animal Book” is now a favorite of my four-year old grandson. As a long-time reader, I particularly liked the concluding portion of The Animal Book in which Jenkins discusses how he gets his inspiration for a book and the process he goes through to create a work. If you are looking for a wonderful,

beautifully illustrated book for a gift - or for yourself - I recommend this fact-filled, fun-to-read book.

This book was perfect for my 7 year old animal lover daughter. The illustrations are beautiful, and it is filled with such a variety of animals. We both learned some very interesting things. I think I enjoyed it just as much as she did.

My older nephew was kept entertained for hours reading this, and it actually maintained the attention of the younger one for quite a while as well. He sat with his brother just looking at all the pictures.

This is a fantastic book and a must-have addition to your home library. I purchased this book for my son. He adores animals and loves learning about them. He is fascinated with this book and really enjoys the artwork. The colors are bright, clear, and engaging. He'll often sit and just flip through the pages and look at the animals. I love that it's easy-to-read and filled with various species and facts about them. Very informative for children and adults; it's great for all ages! I am so happy we have this book. I can't recommend it enough! It's a great buy.

A fascinating book full of illustrations and concise explanations, great for my eight year old granddaughter as well as her grandmother, who always wondered why some snakes have a forked tongue, for instance!

Best book the kids and I have ever come across! I learned tons of new animal facts! All kids ages 3,7,10,and 12 loved it. Including mom and dad! Great buy!

Information and illustrations in this book are topnotch. I would recommend this book to anyone with children who express an interest in the natural world. Even as an adult, I find this book worth having in my collection. The illustrations are stunning.

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