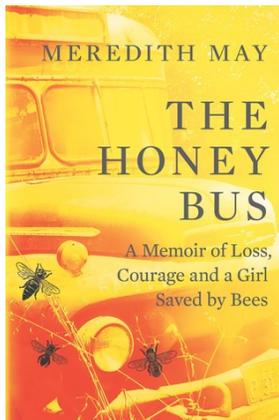


Week 7 – Tales from the Animal Kingdom

Books for Adults

DB 94974 The honey bus: a memoir of loss, courage, and a girl saved by bees by Meredith May



Annotation: Recounts author's relationship with beekeeping, which began when she was five years old

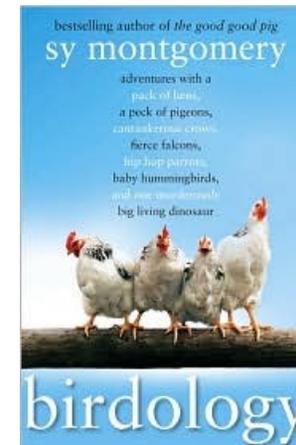
and living under the care of her beekeeping grandfather. Discusses how she used beekeeping as an escape from her troubled childhood and how it taught her about family, community, loyalty, and survival. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

DB 70050 Swimming with piranhas at feeding time: my life doing dumb stuff with animals by Richard Conniff

Annotation: Award-winning author chronicles his global journeys to meet experts and observe exotic animals like lemurs, piranhas, African wild dogs, and more. Describes adventures with ants, spiders, and wasps and learning about venom toxicity and an insect-sting pain index. Analyzes misconceptions about dangerous creatures and their roles in the ecosystem. 2009.

DB 72861 Birdology: adventures with a pack of hens, a peck of pigeons, cantankerous crows, fierce falcons, hip-hop parrots, baby hummingbirds, and one murderous big living dinosaur by Sy Montgomery

Annotation: Author of The Good

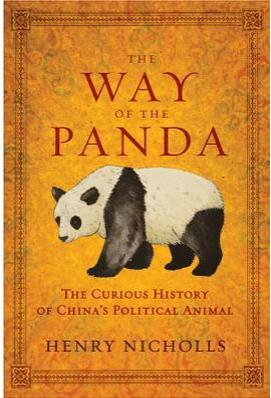


Good Pig (DB 63822) relates her experiences with a variety of birds through personal anecdotes

and observations about their behavior. Each chapter features a different species. 2010.

DB 74410 The way of the panda: the curious history of China's political animal by Henry Nicholls

Annotation: British science



writer chronicles the natural history and symbolic and political clout of this endangered species. Traces the growth of

Western obsession with pandas between 1869 and 2010.

Discusses China's appropriation of the bear's image for its national identity and covers modern research on breeding in captivity for conservation. 2011.

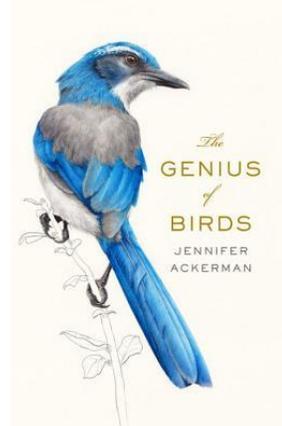
DB 90800 The truth about animals: stoned sloths, lovelorn hippos, and other tales from the wild side by Lucy Cooke

Annotation: Documentarian examines myths and legends

surrounding the natural history and behaviors of thirteen animal species: eels, beavers, sloths, hyenas, vultures, bats, frogs, storks, hippopotamuses, moose, pandas, penguins, and chimpanzees. Analyzes misconceptions passed down as knowledge through the Bible, medieval bestiaries, ill-informed naturalists, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

DB 85848 The genius of birds by Jennifer Ackerman

Annotation: Exploration of



behavioral and morphological traits, including ways to

technical and social intelligence of birds. Surveys twenty-first century research into birds'

measure intelligence, the structure of their brains, ways they use technology, social interactions, diversity of birdsong, use of space and time, and more. 2016.

DB 98564 Cry of the Kalahari by Delia and Mark Owens

Annotation: Adventurous recounting of two young American zoologists--one, the author of Where the Crawdads Sing (DB 92245)--who come to study the wildlife in Kalahari in 1974 and stay for seven years. Authors discuss observing lions, hyenas, wild dogs, and antelopes from their home in a fossil riverbed. Some violence. 1984.

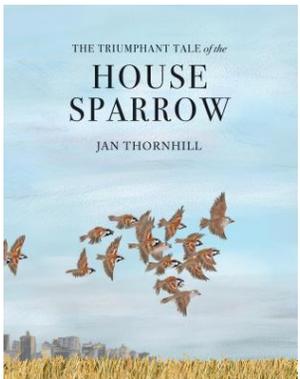
Books for Kids and Teens

DB 97585 Elephants by Seymour Simon

Annotation: Award-winning science writer investigates the many characteristics and behaviors of elephants, the largest and heaviest land animals. The author highlights their level of intelligence and the emotions they exhibit. For grades 2-4. 2018.

DB 90738 The triumphant tale of the house sparrow by Jan Thornhill

Annotation: Discusses the

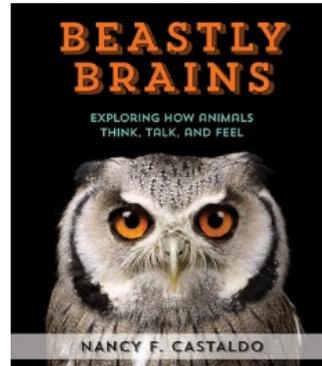


history of the House Sparrow, which has adapted and thrived alongside humans for more than ten

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. For grades 3-6. 2018.

DB 88639 Beastly brains: exploring how animals talk, think, and feel by Nancy F. Castaldo

Annotation: Discusses the

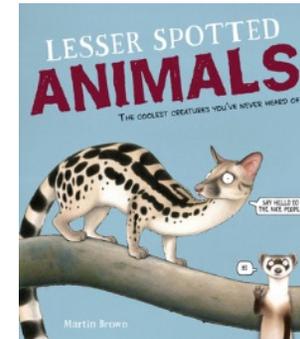


different levels of animal intelligence and what that means about our own species. Researchers discover far more similarities than one might suspect. Also

explores emotions, empathy, communication, and social communities of certain creatures. Includes tips on how to observe and record animal behaviors on your own. For grades 6-9. 2017.

DB 87523 Lesser spotted animals: the coolest creatures you've never heard of by Martin Brown

Annotation: A collection of amazing yet often 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. For grades 3-6. 2017.

DB 86034 Masters of disguise: amazing animal tricksters by Rebecca Johnson

Annotation: An examination of the many ways animals have perfected the art of deception through camouflage and mimicry. For instance, the gliding lizard in Southeast Asia confuses prey with extendable skin flaps that look just like the dead leaves falling from a tree. For grades 4-7. 2016.

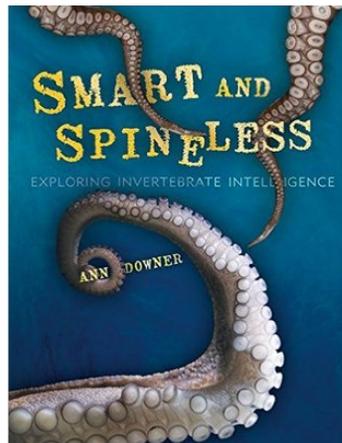
DB 73489 Super species: the creatures that will dominate the planet by Garry Hamilton

Annotation: 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. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB 83088 Smart and spineless: exploring the invertebrate intelligence by Ann Downer

Annotation: Explores the intelligence of invertebrates,



or spineless animals, such as worms, spiders, bees, jellyfish,

and more. Investigates how creatures like the octopus exhibit personalities, solve puzzles, escape from difficult spots, and like to play. Includes a wealth of facts,

scientists' accounts, and a glossary. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2015.