

## **Books about Animals**

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### **ZOO BOOKS**

**My Visit to the Zoo**, by Aliki.

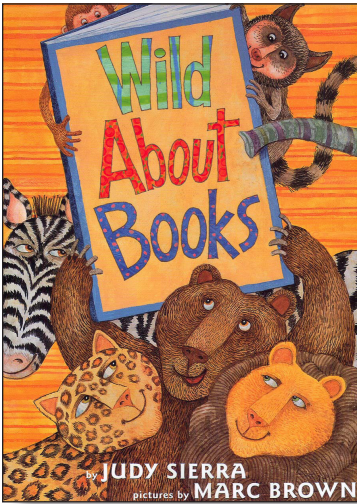
**Dear Zoo**, by Rod Campbell.

**Inside a Zoo in the City**, by Alyssa Capucilli. A cumulative rhyme featuring rebuses, in which a parrot, a tiger, a lion, a peacock, and other inhabitants of a city zoo wake up and startle each other.

**One, Two, Three to the Zoo**, by Eric Carle.

**Zoo-Looking**, by Mem Fox.

**Put Me in the Zoo**, by Robert Lopshire. A large, spotted animal discovers he really belongs in a circus, not a zoo.



**Goodnight Gorilla**, by Peggy Rathman. An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.

**And Tango Makes Three**, by Justin Richardson. At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches

**Wild About Books**, by Judy Sierra. A librarian named Molly McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake

**Zoo Animals**, by Brian Wildsmith.

### **ANIMAL SOUNDS**

**Book, Book, Book!** By Deborah Bruss. When the children go back to school, the animals on the farm are bored, so they go into the library in town trying to find something to do.

**The Giraffe Who Cock-A-Doodle-Doed**, by Keith Faulkner. One morning all the animals in the jungle wake to find that they have the wrong voices, and the giraffe, who has never had a voice before is delighted when he stretches his neck and makes a wonderful sound.

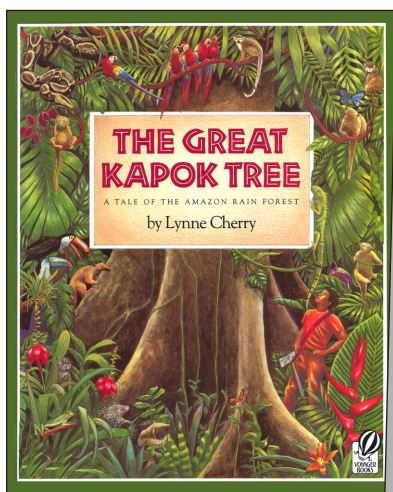
**Roar and More**, by Karla Kuskin. Rhyming text presents the behavior and noises of animals such as the lion, snake, and kangaroo.

**Moo Who?** By Margie Palatini. After being hit on the head, Hilda the singing cow forgets what sound she should make, so she imitates different animals until she gets her "moo" back.

**Mung-Mung**, by Linda Sue Park and Diane Bigda. A foldout book of Animal Sounds (in many languages).

**Gobble, Growl, Grunt: a book of animal sounds**, by Peter Spier. Illustrations of animals accompanied by the sounds they make.

## JUNGLE ANIMALS



**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears**, by Verna Aardema. Reveals the meaning of the mosquitoes buzz.

**The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest**, by Lynne Cherry. The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

**Tall**, by Jez Alborough. Illustrations and just a few words depict how various jungle animals help a very little monkey to feel that he is tall.

**Crocodile Beat**, by Gail Jorgensen. Lying in wait in the water, Crocodile hears a multitude of animal sounds and plans on having a tasty dinner, but he is bested by Lion.

**Simply Delicious**, by Margaret Mahy. A resourceful father engages in all kinds of acrobatic moves to keep an assortment of jungle creatures from getting the double-dip-chocolate-chip-and-cherry ice cream cone he is taking home to his son.

## WILD PETS

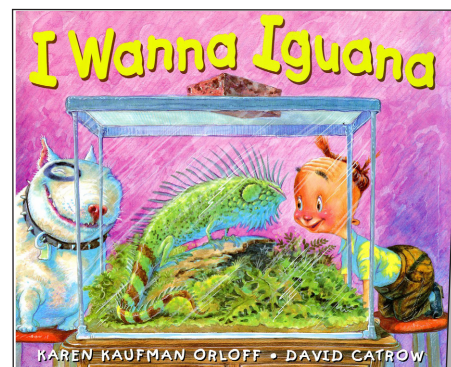
**The Tarantula in my Purse**, by Jean Craighead George. A collection of autobiographical stories about raising a houseful of children and wild pets including crows, skunks, and raccoons.

**Can I Keep Him?** by Steven Kellogg. Mother objects to every pet Arnold asks to keep except one--a person.

**I Took My Frog to the Library**, by Eric A. Kimmel. A young girl brings her pets to the library--with predictably disastrous results.

**I Wanna Iguana**, by Karen Kaufman Orloff. Alex and his mother write notes back and forth in which Alex tries to persuade her to let him have a baby iguana for a pet.

**An Octopus Followed Me Home**, by Dan Yaccarino. When a girl brings home an octopus and wants to keep him as a pet, her daddy reminds her of the crocodile, seals, and other inappropriate animals she has already brought into the house to create chaos.



## ALPHABET ANIMALS

**Animalia**, by Graeme Base.

**African Animals ABC**, by Phiippa-Alys Broune.

**Click, Clack, Quackety-Quack: An Alphabetical Adventure** by Doreen Cronin. An assortment of animals gathers for a picnic.

**Ape in a Cape**, by Fritz Eichenberg. An assortment of animals introduce the letters of the alphabet.

**Animal Alphabet**, by Bert Kitchen. The reader is invited to guess the identity of twenty-six unusual animals illustrating the letter of the alphabet.

**The Alphabeast Book**, by Dorothy Schmiderer. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a drawing of an object or animal.

**Brian Wildsmith's ABC**. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a drawing of an object or animal.

## WILD BIRDS

**Stellaluna**, by Janell Cannon (A bat with strong bird connections.). After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother

**The Sea, The Storm, and the Mangrove Tangle**, by Lynne Cherry. A seed from a mangrove tree floats on the sea until it comes to rest on the shore of a faraway lagoon where, over time, it becomes a mangrove island that shelters many birds and animals, even during a hurricane.

**Feathers for Lunch**, by Lois Ehlert. A cat prowls the neighborhood and sees many birds, but because of the bell on his collar, has only feathers for lunch.

**Bird Talk**, by Ann Jonas. Portrays a variety of birds and their calls, using the "memory phrases" that birdwatchers have devised to help them hear and remember birdsongs.

**Franny B. Kranny There's a Bird in Your Hair**, by Harriet Goldhor Lerner (Just for Fun) Franny B. Kranny refuses to cut her wild hair, despite her family's insistence, and wears a bird in her hair to a family reunion.

**The Bird House**, by Cynthia Rylant. An orphan girl finds an unexpected home when she stops to admire the mystery and magic of the birds flocking around an old woman's house.



## MORE OR LESS TRUE ANIMAL TALES

**Field trips: bug hunting, animal tracking, bird-watching, shore walking with Jim Arnosky**. Explains to kids how to find and identify bugs, animals, birds, and shore-land objects, providing three hundred illustrations including 175 identification silhouettes.

**Flute's Journey: the Life of a Wood Thrush**, by Lynne Cherry. A young wood thrush makes his first migration from his nesting ground in a forest preserve in Maryland to his winter home in Costa Rica and back again.

**Mammalabilia: Poems and Paintings**, by Douglas Florian. A collection of humorous poems about mammals such as the tiger, gorilla, and rhebok.

**Actual Size**, by Steve Jenkins. Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals.

**Wild Babies**, by Seymour Simon. Describes the various parenting techniques of different types of wild animals and provides a close look at the behavior and characteristics of their offspring.

## WHEN ANIMALS MISBEHAVE

**Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing**, by Judi Barrett. Pictures of animals wearing clothes show why this would be a ridiculous custom for them to adopt.

**Olivia**, by Ian Falconer. Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.

**Bad Boys**, by Margie Palatini. Two hungry wolves in disguise attempt to raid a sheep farm.

**Meet Wild Boars**, by Meg Rosoff. It is very hard to be friends with wild boars because they are dirty and smelly, bad-tempered, and rude.

**Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems. A strong-willed pigeon tries to convince the reader to let him drive the bus!

## MORE FAVORITES

**Giraffes Can't Dance**, by Giles Andreae

**A Snake is Totally Tail**, by Judi Barrett

**Animalia**, by Barbara Berger

**Annie and the Wild Animals**, by Jan Brett

**Fritz and the Beautiful Horses**, by Jan Brett

**Happy Birthday, Dear Duck**, by Eve Bunting

**If You're Happy and You Know It**, by Jane Cabrera

**Eric Carle's Animals Animals**

**Koala Lou**, by Mem Fox

**The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses**, by Paul Goble

**Wolves**, by Emily Gravett

**Is Your Mama A Llama?** by Deborah Guarino

**The Seals on the Bus**, by Lenny Hort

**I Love My Mama**, by Peter Kavanagh (about a mother and baby elephant)

**Edward The Emu**, by Sheena Knowles

**Leo The Late Bloomer**, by Robert Kraus

**Sam and the Tigers**, by Julius Lester/Jerry Pinckney

**Frederick**, by Leo Lioni

**Eyes of the Grey Wolf**, by Jonathon London

**Wild Animals, A Very First Picture Book**, by Lorenz Books

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin, Jr.

**Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?** by Bill Martin, Jr.

**Elephants Calling**, by Katie Payne

**Noah's Ark**, by Jerry Pinkney

**The Little Red Hen**, by Jerry Pinkney

**The Trouble With Elephants**, by Chris Riddell

**Animals Black and White**, by Phyllis Limbacher Tildes

**Jumanji**, by Chris Van Allsburg

**Forest Bright, Forest Night**, by Jennifer Ward

**Alligator Cookies**, by James Young

**Milton the Early Riser**, by Robert Kraus

