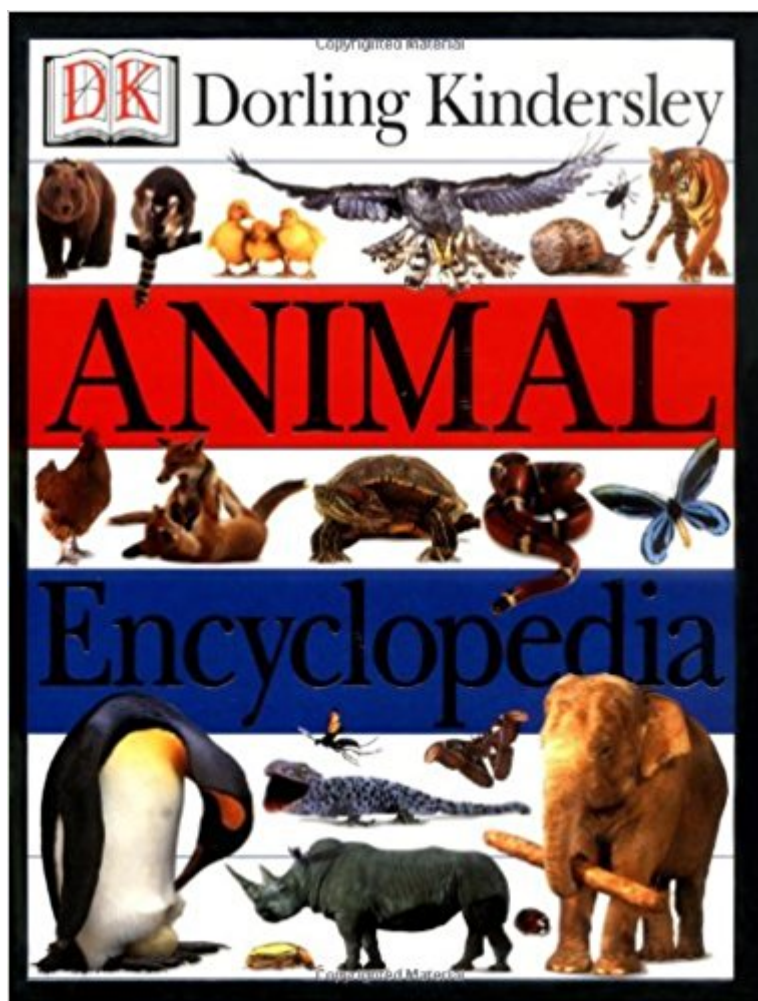


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# Animal Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

The ultimate pictorial reference book of the animal world by the number one children's reference publisher. A Trail of Discovery: How slowly does a sloth move? What's inside a camel's hump? Why can't a snake shut its eyes? Which fish can climb trees? The Dorling Kindersley Animal Encyclopedia answers thousands of intriguing questions about the animal kingdom and provides a fascinating insight into animal behavior, instincts, and survival. Magnificent Photography: Lavishly illustrated with dramatic close-up and time-lapse photography, the Dorling Kindersley Animal Encyclopedia brings the animal world vividly to life- watch a frog leap through the air, a moth hatch from its pupa, a snake constrict its prey, and stag beetles in combat. Magnificent full page environment shots also display animals in their natural habitat, from the barren wastes of the Sahara to the tropical lagoons of the Great Barrier Reef. Essential Reference For Home and School: A clear alphabetical arrangement makes it simple to look up each kind of animal, while a fact packed introductory section explains animal classification, adaptation, migration, and conservation issues. Fact boxes and at-a-glance scale indicators provide essential data on individual species, and step-by-step sequences home in on incredible detail. The Dorling Kindersley Animal Encyclopedia is fully cross-referenced to guide the reader to related entries and topics, with an extensive index, and an accessible glossary.

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## Customer Reviews

Imagine a snake that can change its body shape to "fly" up to 164 feet between trees in the rain forest. Learn why a river that contains rat-tailed maggots and tubifex worms is in trouble. Find out how the male emperor penguin keeps its eggs warm--balanced on top of his feet! No child needs to be told that the animal kingdom is truly extraordinary. But every child will want to discover in greater detail, from A to Z, just how remarkable the critters of the world really are. Dorling Kindersley, masters of pictorial reference guides (Dorling Kindersley Children's Atlas, DK Science Encyclopedia, DK Nature Encyclopedia), bring the animal world vividly to life with their Animal Encyclopedia. Arranged alphabetically, from aardvarks to zebras, this lavishly illustrated guide investigates over 2,000 animal species, using crisp, stunning photographs, artwork, and special features. Each entry includes a fact box that provides quick reference information, such as family name for that group of animals, habitat, food, number of eggs or young, and size. A very useful scale shows a silhouette of the animal next to that of an average size adult human male, to give readers an idea of its size. The "Find Out More" box directs readers to other pages to read about a linked subject. A glossary and an index are provided, as well as an "Animal Life" section, which explains how animals behave and fit into their individual habitats. This wonderful resource for home projects or schoolwork will be an absolute favorite for every member of the family for years to come. (Ages 8 and older)

Gr 3-7-There is plenty of competition in the single-volume specialty encyclopedia market, but this volume rises to the top for its multidirectional approach and striking illustrations. Prefaced by a selection of prizewinning nature photographs by children and teenagers, the book's first quarter is taken up with a series of topical spreads on physical structures, attack and defense mechanisms, homes, habitats, and the like. An animal A-to-Z follows, introducing about 2000 individual or related species under headings of widely varying scope: "Amphibians," "Cobras," "Humans." Each one-to-three page entry in this section contains brief comments on appearances, variations, behavior, and reproduction, as well as boxed summary facts, cross-references, and a silhouetted human hand or body to show comparative size. The art, a richly informative blend of painted or photographic close-ups, action shots, and isolated portraits, is up to DK's usual standards for sharpness of detail, brilliance of color, and dramatic impact. Where else can viewers see a flamingo's distinctive skull, a (painted) cross-sectional view of a pregnant gorilla, or an owl pellet partially exploded to reveal what its maker had for dinner? The level of specific detail is relatively low, but the cross-references, along with a large index, link related information nicely, and the

writing is vivid enough to hold its own against the visuals. Despite the lack of maps, charts (of, for instance, endangered species), or outside resources, this book will reward both browsers and focused inquirers and enhance any reference collection. John Peters, New York Public Library Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Grandson likes it very much!

Not the same book as the one pictured. It will serve the same purpose, but it was not what I ordered

I want to second a previous review that said this encyclopedia makes a good Great Big Book of Everything for fans of "Stanley". I designed a new cover for it, put a sticker of Stanley and Dennis on it, added letter tabs and my son couldn't be happier. It was the only thing he wanted for Christmas and he was not disappointed. The high point came when my siblings thought that it was nice that the "Stanley" people made this book. Lots of animals and great pictures. Sometimes my children and I pick out an animal and I use that as their bedtime story. 5 stars all the way.

The granddaughter, an animal lover age 8, treasures it.

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grandkids love it

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