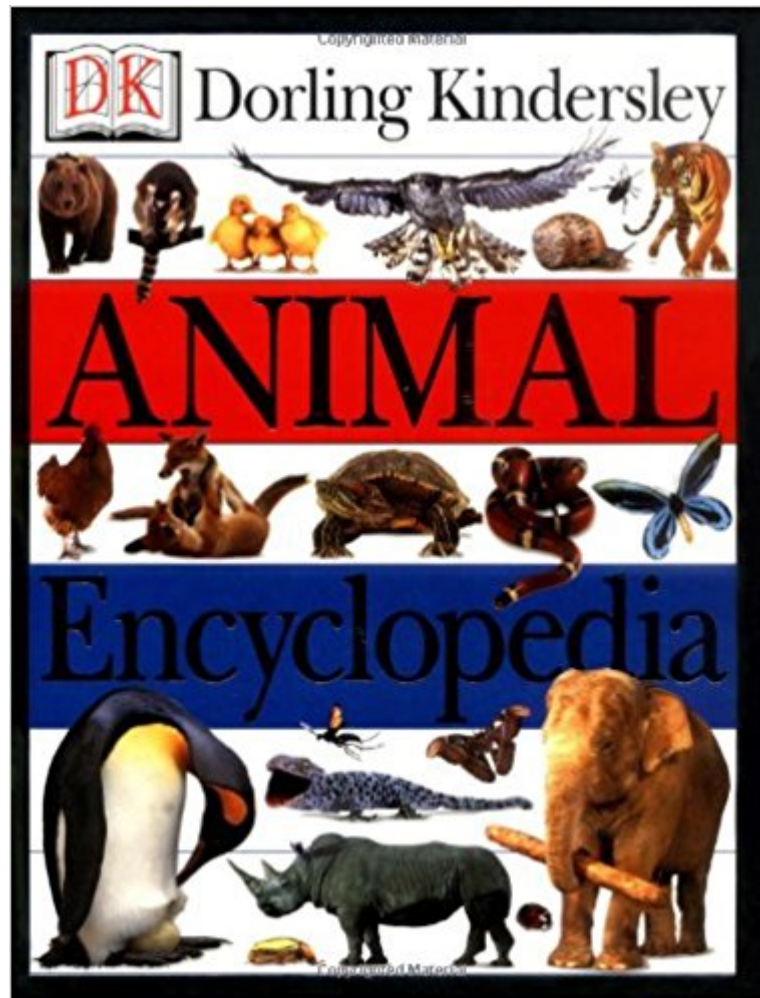




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# Animal Encyclopedia



## 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.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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.

I went searching for an animal encyclopedia after my 6-year old became insistent on having her own "Great Big Book of Everything" that is depicted in the Disney Channel's show "Stanley". (if you have youngsters, you've heard of this, I'm sure) This book has satisfied the void! The pictures are great, animals are listed alphabetically, and it answers lots of questions. We're very happy with it!

I find that my four year old son and I reach for this book several times a week minimum. Whenever he has a question about animals (this morning's was "What do bugs eat?") we turn to this book and can always find an answer. I especially like that it has an excellent index, colorful pictures and each info page on an animal lists other related pages for further information. It packs an astonishing amount of information into one volume, all in a very accessible format. While it is not geared towards preschoolers it is easy for a parent to interpret for that age group and has lots of pictures for them to look at. Great resource for all those "why" questions.

At first this book seemed excellent. I bought it because I wanted to use the illustrations and photos in my own book, which I am simply writing for fun. As you may have guessed my book is on animals. Anyway, the "Animal Encyclopedia" has a lot of great information and beautiful pictures. However, upon closer inspection I noticed that the book had many errors. In fact, after searching through the entire book, I came across an astounding 32 errors! These aren't minor errors either. An example is page 349, where they have a picture labeled: great egret, where the bird is obviously a SNOWY EGRET. There is a HUGE difference. So, why give it more than one star? Because besides these numerous errors the book does have a lot of good info. You simply can't rely on every fact to be correct, which sort of defeats the purpose of the book I guess.

This is the best animal encyclopedia I have ever seen. Very crisp clear photographs and detailed information about different types of animals make this book a great starting point for school

assignments about animals and their habitats. My son used this book for his report recently and received top marks!

Since cut their prices on their more expensive books, books like this one are now reasonably-priced. This book would be a perfect gift for a family with children, or anyone else, for that matter! If you put it on your coffee table, I guarantee everyone will pick it up and become immediately absorbed in it! Dorling Kindersley does a GREAT job with all their books and this one is no exception. The first section is about Animal Life - habitats, migration, classifications, birth and growth, etc. The bulk of the book is Animals from A to Z. You'll read about slugs and tapirs and puffins and lions and tigers and bears. The pictures are simply GORGEOUS. Your family will learn from this book without even realizing it. At just under [price], this book is a great deal - order one for yourself and another for a gift! (...)

We read from this book almost every day. I usually limit my son to picking 3 or 4 animals that we can learn about or it becomes information overload! The pictures are wonderful and very vivid and the information is great for young children. My son is also learning to read using the headings -- he spells out each word and is now beginning to recognize the animal names from this exposure. He has taken it to "share" with his preschool class a number of times and the other kids are very envious. It was his favorite birthday present!

We bought this for our six year old, but her two younger brothers can't keep their hands off it. They all enjoy the pictures and our daughter loves looking up animal facts. Great gift!

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