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New York Times Bestseller Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize A Library Journal Best Science and Technology Book of the Year An exhilarating exploration of the science and wonder of global bird migration. In the past two decades, our understanding of the navigational and physiological feats that enable birds to cross immense oceans, fly above the highest mountains, or remain in unbroken flight for

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months at a stretch has exploded. What we've learned of these key migrations—how billions of birds circumnavigate the globe, flying tens of thousands of miles between hemispheres on an annual basis—is nothing short of extraordinary. Bird migration entails almost unfathomable endurance, like a sparrow-sized sandpiper that will fly nonstop from Canada to Venezuela—the equivalent of running 126 consecutive marathons without food, water, or rest—avoiding dehydration by "drinking" moisture from its own muscles and organs, while orienting itself using the earth's magnetic field through a form of

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quantum entanglement that made Einstein queasy. Crossing the Pacific Ocean in nine days of nonstop flight, as some birds do, leaves little time for sleep, but migrants can put half their brains to sleep for a few seconds at a time, alternating sides—and their reaction time actually improves. These and other revelations convey both the wonder of bird migration and its global sweep, from the mudflats of the Yellow Sea in China to the remote mountains of northeastern India to the dusty hills of southern Cyprus. This breathtaking work of nature writing from Pulitzer Prize finalist Scott Weidensaul also introduces

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readers to those scientists, researchers, and bird lovers trying to preserve global migratory patterns in the face of climate change and other environmental challenges. Drawing on his own extensive fieldwork, in *A World on the Wing* Weidensaul unveils with dazzling prose the miracle of nature taking place over our heads. Born and raised in London, David Lindo's passionate interest in the natural world, especially birds, began at an early age. His thriving curiosity opened a door for him into an unexplored world of urban birding. Years later he decided to champion the delights of birding in

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cities and reinvented himself as the Urban Birder. Using this illustrious alias David Lindo has brought urban birding back into the public consciousness, promoting its virtues at every opportunity and writing about it in the birding press. He urges people to look up when walking around in cities, or to stop and close your eyes in a busy street just to listen to the birds that may be singing. In his second book, David visits some of the world's most unnatural environments, revealing the astonishingly diverse range of wildlife that can be found when you take the time to look. Much more than a compendium of birding

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sites, each tale follows the Urban Birder in his enthralling pursuit of city birding. Accompanied by dedicated local conservationists and renowned birders, David gives a deeper insight into the true nature of each city. Featuring 70 locations to explore, Tales from Concrete Jungles is the perfect book to dip in to when on the move, or to hide away with on a rainy afternoon. Join David in his celebration of nature, pick up travel inspiration, and immerse yourself in his captivating quest for urban birding.

In this nonfiction picture book, young readers learn just why the mother nesting bird stays quiet

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and still while sitting on her eggs. By an illustrator who has worked with Dreamworks Animation and Walt Disney Feature Animation. 15,000 first printing.

Birding in the Pacific Northwest has never been easier! *Birds of the Pacific Northwest* describes and illustrates more than 400 bird species commonly encountered in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia. This comprehensive, full-color guide is organized to follow the order in which groups and species are presented by the American Union. Range maps for each species provide valuable information for identification.

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Bird Love

Coming of Age at the End of Nature

A World on the Wing: The Global Odyssey of
Migratory Birds

Children and Adults Exploring Nature Together

Long Island Sound

The Warbler Guide

Words in Our Beak

Welcome to Subirdia presents a surprising discovery: the suburbs of many large cities support incredible biological diversity. Populations and communities of a great variety of birds, as well as other creatures, are adapting to the

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conditions of our increasingly developed world. In this fascinating and optimistic book, John Marzluff reveals how our own actions affect the birds and animals that live in our cities and towns, and he provides ten specific strategies everyone can use to make human environments friendlier for our natural neighbors. Over many years of research and fieldwork, Marzluff and student assistants have closely followed the lives of thousands of tagged birds seeking food, mates, and shelter in cities and surrounding areas. From tiny Pacific wrens to grand pileated woodpeckers, diverse species now compatibly share human

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surroundings. By practicing careful stewardship with the biological riches in our cities and towns, Marzluff explains, we can foster a new relationship between humans and other living creatures—one that honors and enhances our mutual destiny.

Open the secret pockets to reveal 13 hauntingly entertaining Hocus Pocus surprises every day (or night) leading up to Halloween! The Sanderson Sisters have come to haunt your holiday with mini books, mementos, decorations, and other tricks and treats! Why celebrate Halloween only one night a year when the 13 nights leading up to All

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Hallow's Eve can be filled with bewitching fun? Enjoy daily surprises with Max and Dani Dennison, Thackery Binx, and more with Hocus Pocus: 13 Frights of Halloween. 13 SCARY SURPRISES: Collect sinister stickers, games, and holiday decorations to display or share with friends. COUNTDOWN TO HALLOWEEN: Uncover a new surprise every day in the thirteen days leading up to Halloween! BEWITCHING DELIGHTS: Discover mini-books, themed recipe cards, and more! MEMORABLE MOMENTS: Relive favorite memories from the classic film Hocus Pocus with favorite quotes and scenes. NEW TRADITION Start

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a new Halloween routine with a daily surprise! Veer off the interstate and explore strange, sublime, and breathtaking sights. It's all available on the backroads of Texas. Texas is the second largest state in the United States, and you can be sure it's home to plenty of incredible sights waiting just off the beaten path. Backroads of Texas guides readers off the main drag where they can find intriguing sites, offbeat characters, and glorious landscapes. These are the sights normally missed by interstate-centric travelers. The book includes thirty backroad drives and excursions that take travelers into the boondocks

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where all the craziest natural sights occur. Watch frenzied bats as they fly by the thousands from San Angelo's Foster Road Bridge. Catch your breath as you drink in the majestic Guadalupe Mountains. Get ready for goosebumps when you spelunk into the shadowy depths of Inner Space Cavern, and try not to get spooked when you see the paranormal "ghost lights" near the eclectic town of Marfa. These off-road sights are what truly set the Lone Star State apart from its neighbors. Completely reimagined for a new generation of road-trip takers and explorers, Backroads of Texas is lavishly illustrated with

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photographs, maps, and vintage advertising of Texas's many scenic, historic, and cultural attractions. You think you know what Texas looks like? Think again. Backroads of Texas has something to surprise and excite everyone. The U.S. Ocean Commission Report identified the need for regional ecosystem assessments to support coastal and ocean management. These assessments must provide greater understanding of physical and biological dynamics than assessments at global and national scales can provide but transcend state and local interests. This need and timeliness is apparent for Long

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Island Sound, where a multi-state regional restoration program is underway for America's most urbanized estuary. Synthesis of the Long Island Sound ecosystem is needed to integrate knowledge across disciplines and provide insight into understanding and managing pressing issues, such as non-point sources of pollution, coastal development, global climatic change, and invasive species. Currently, there is a need for a comprehensive volume that summarizes the ecological and environmental dynamics and status of Long Island Sound and its myriad ecosystems. It has been 30 years since a

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comprehensive summary of Long Island Sound was prepared and 50 years since the pioneering work of Gordon Riley. Major advances in estuarine science are providing new insights into these systems, and yet, the condition of many estuaries is in decline in the face of continuing coastal development. There is an opportunity to lay a foundation for integrative coastal observing systems that truly provide the foundation for improved decision-making. This book will provide a key reference of our scientific understanding for work performed over the past three decades and guide future research and monitoring in a

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dynamic urbanized estuary.

Hocus Pocus: 13 Frights of Halloween

A Guide to Listening

Prospects for the Urban Sea

Birds of Maryland, Delaware, and the District of
Columbia

Snowy Owl

Texas

A House for Wren

Four color

**The Lone Star State shines in Texas: A
Photographic Journey, by award-winning**

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photographers Kathy Adams Clark and Larry Ditto, with captions by Houston Chronicle columnist Gary Clark. These three Texans guide readers on a grand tour from the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast and from Big Bend to the Piney Woods. Get a taste of West Texas: see the Pecos River, ghost towns, and the Hill Country; paddle Santa Elena Canyon and hike Big Bend National Park. Visit East Texas' Big Thicket and the Panhandle's longhorns. Then head down south for Gulf-style fishing, birdwatching, and beachcombing. With views of everything from moss-shaded bayous to the stately Alamo, these splendid

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color photographs are a true Texas experience. An anthology of adventures with children in the natural world, from capturing fireflies to encountering a grizzly bear. Rachel Carson's classic 1956 essay " Help Your Child to Wonder " urged adults to help children experience the " sense of wonder " that comes only from a relationship with nature. It's clear we haven't succeeded in following her advice: eight-year-olds surveyed in the United Kingdom could identify more Pokémon characters than common wildlife species; and Richard Louv's recent best-selling book Last Child in the Woods identifies a

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“ nature deficit disorder ” in children around the world. But today a growing number of environmentally minded parents, teachers, and other adults are seeking to restore nature to its rightful place in children's lives. This anthology gathers personal essays recounting adventures great and small with children in the natural world. The authors—writing as parents, teachers, mentors, and former children—describe experiences that range from bird watching to an encounter with an apple butter-loving grizzly bear. Rick Bass captures fireflies with his children and reflects on fatherhood; Michael Branch

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observes wryly that both gardening and parenting are “ disciplines of sustainability ” ; Lauret Savoy wonders how African American children can connect to the the land after generations of estrangement; and Sandra Steingraber has “ the big talk ” with her children, not about sex but about global warming. By turns lyrical, comic, and earnest, these writings guide us to closer connections with nature and with the children in our lives, for the good of the planet and our own spiritual and physical well-being.

The story of how the associate editor of Birding magazine set himself a lofty goal: to become the first

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person to see half the world ' s birds in one year. In 2015, for 365 days, with a backpack, binoculars, and a series of one-way tickets, Noah Strycker traveled across forty-one countries and all seven continents, eventually spotting 6,042 species—by far the biggest birding year on record. This is no travelogue or glorified checklist. Noah ventures deep into a world of chronic sleep deprivation, airline snafus, breakdowns, mudslides, floods, war zones, ecologic devastation, conservation triumphs, common and iconic species, and scores of passionate bird lovers around the globe. By pursuing the freest creatures

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on the planet, he gains a unique perspective on the world they share with us—and offers a hopeful message that even as many birds face an uncertain future, more people than ever are working to protect them. “ Birding Without Borders is light-hearted and filled with stories of exotic birds, risky adventures, and colorful birding companions. ” —New York Times Book Review “ Highly recommended for anyone interested in travel, natural history, and adventure. ” —Library Journal “ Even readers who wouldn ’ t know a marvellous spatuletail from a southern ground hornbill will be awed by Strycker ’ s

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achievement and appreciate the passion with which he pursues his interest. ” —Publishers Weekly

The Hidden Life of the World's Smartest Birds of Prey

Birds of Southeast Texas and the Upper Texas Coast

Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?

Thoughts of Dog

Birds of the Pacific Northwest

Sharing Our Neighborhoods with Wrens, Robins, Woodpeckers, and Other Wildlife

A Guide to Common and Notable Species

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A lively, rich natural history of Hawaiian birds that challenges existing ideas about what constitutes biocultural nativeness and belonging This natural history takes readers on a thousand-year journey as it explores the Hawaiian Islands' beautiful birds and a variety of topics including extinction, evolution, survival, conservationists and their work, and, most significantly, the concept of belonging. Author Daniel Lewis, an award-winning historian and globe-traveling

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amateur birder, builds this lively text around the stories of four species—the Stumbling Moa-Nalo, the Kaua‘I ‘O‘o, the Palila, and the Japanese White-Eye. Lewis offers innovative ways to think about what it means to be native and proposes new definitions that apply to people as well as to birds. Being native, he argues, is a relative state influenced by factors including the passage of time, charisma, scarcity, utility to others, short-term evolutionary processes, and changing

relationships with other organisms. This book also describes how bird conservation started in Hawai'i, and the naturalists and environmentalists who did extraordinary work.

Coming of Age at the End of Nature explores a new kind of environmental writing. This powerful anthology gathers the passionate voices of young writers who have grown up in an environmentally damaged and compromised world. Each contributor has come of age since Bill

McKibben foretold the doom of humanity's ancient relationship with a pristine earth in his prescient 1988 warning of climate change, *The End of Nature*. What happens to individuals and societies when their most fundamental cultural, historical, and ecological bonds weaken—or snap? In *Coming of Age at the End of Nature*, insightful millennials express their anger and love, dreams and fears, and sources of resilience for living and thriving on our shifting planet.

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Twenty-two essays explore wide-ranging themes that are paramount to young generations but that resonate with everyone, including redefining materialism and environmental justice, assessing the risk and promise of technology, and celebrating place anywhere from a wild Atlantic island to the Arizona desert, to Baltimore and Bangkok. The contributors speak with authority on problems facing us all, whether railing against the errors of past

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generations, reveling in their own adaptability, or insisting on a collective responsibility to do better.

Marvel at the majesty of Ospreys, navigate the ocean with storm-petrels, and nest with Mourning Doves, all while learning about the richness of the birds' lives, the complexities of their habits, and how we can help keep their populations vibrant and aloft for generations to come.

Become a better birder with brief

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portraits of 200 top North American birds. This friendly, relatable book is a celebration of the art, science, and delights of bird-watching. How to Know the Birds introduces a new, holistic approach to bird-watching, by noting how behaviors, settings, and seasonal cycles connect with shape, song, color, gender, age distinctions, and other features traditionally used to identify species. With short essays on 200 observable species, expert author Ted Floyd guides

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us through a year of becoming a better birder, each species representing another useful lesson: from explaining scientific nomenclature to noting how plumage changes with age, from chronicling migration patterns to noting hatchling habits. Dozens of endearing pencil sketches accompany Floyd's charming prose, making this book a unique blend of narrative and field guide. A pleasure for birders of all ages, this witty book promises solid lessons for the

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**beginner and smiles of recognition for
the seasoned nature lover.**

The Naturalist's Notebook

**From Drawings Made in the United
States and Their Territories**

A Most Remarkable Creature

Companions in Wonder

Slimy and Scaly

**Tucson Audubon Society's Finding Birds
in Southeast Arizona**

Birding Without Borders

Birds of Southeast Texas and the Upper Texas

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Coast: People exploring nature in Southeast Texas can use this handy photographic field guide to identify 88 bird species. The birds in the guide are grouped by family for ease in identification, and the accompanying text indicates size, habitat, field marks, and seasonal occurrence. The guides six double-sided panels fold up into a packet narrow enough to fit in a back pocket yet sturdy enough to stand up under repeated use. Lamination has made the guide waterproof. The birds included here reside, migrate through, or spend part of the year in the area from the Texas/Louisiana border to south of

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Freeport and including the inland Piney Woods and Coastal Prairie regions.

A stunningly illustrated look at the mating and parenting lives of the world's birds Bird Love looks at the extraordinary range of mating systems in the avian world, exploring all the stages from courtship and nest-building to protecting eggs and raising chicks. It delves into the reasons why some species, such as the wattled jacana, rely on males to do all the childcare, while others, such as cuckoos and honeyguides, dump their eggs in the nests of others to raise. For some birds, reciprocal

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promiscuity pays off: both male and female dunnocks will rear the most chicks by mating with as many partners as possible. For others, long-term monogamy is the only way to ensure their offspring survive. The book explores the wide variety of ways birds make sure they find a mate in the first place, including how many male birds employ elaborate tactics to show how sexy they are. Gathering in leks to display to females, they dance, pose, or parade to sell their suitability as a mate. Other birds attract a partner with their building skills: female bowerbirds rate brains above beauty, so males

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construct elaborate bowers with twig avenues and cleared courtyards to impress them. Looking at the differing levels of parenting skills across species around the world, we see why a tenth of bird species, including the fairy-wrens of Australia, have helpers at the nest who forgo their own reproduction to assist the breeding pair; how brood parasites and their hosts have engaged in evolutionary arms races; and how monogamous pairs share—or relinquish—their responsibilities. Illustrated throughout with beautiful photographs, *Bird Love* is a celebration of the global diversity of avian reproductive

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strategies.

Wren and Mrs. Wren find they need a house in a hurry! Their very capable real estate agent, Ms. Green Jay, is up to the challenge, taking the Wrens on a whirlwind tour of potential homes in the area. Will Wren find the perfect house for his family? *A House for Wren* is a bird's-eye view of the habits and habitats of a variety of colorful and fascinating birds. A unique introduction to birdwatching for young birding enthusiasts, this story combines factual information about the nesting habits of various birds with the dilemma Wren faces in trying to find a house that meets

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the needs of his growing family.

A richly illustrated and up-close look at the secret lives of spiders and other arachnids The American Southwest is home to an extraordinary diversity of arachnids, from spitting spiders that squirt silk over their prey to scorpions that court one another with kissing and dancing. Amazing Arachnids presents these enigmatic creatures as you have never seen them before. Featuring a wealth of color photos of more than 300 different kinds of arachnids from eleven taxonomic orders--both rare and common species—this stunningly illustrated book reveals the secret

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lives of arachnids in breathtaking detail, including never-before-seen images of their underground behavior. Amazing Arachnids covers all aspects of arachnid biology, such as anatomy, sociality, mimicry, camouflage, and venoms. You will meet bolas spiders that lure their victims with fake moth pheromones, fishing spiders that woo their mates with silk-wrapped gifts, chivalrous cellar spiders, tiny mites, and massive tarantulas, as well as many others. Along the way, you will learn why arachnids are living fossils in some respects and nimble opportunists in others, and how natural selection

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has perfected their sensory structures, defense mechanisms, reproductive strategies, and hunting methods. Covers more than 300 different kinds of arachnids, including ones new to science
Features more than 750 stunning color photos
Describes every aspect of arachnid biology, from physiology to biogeography
Illustrates courtship and mating, birth, maternal care, hunting, and defense
Includes first-ever photos of the underground lives of schizomids and vinegaroons
Provides the first organized guide to macroscopic mites, including photos of living mites for easy reference

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Birds, Extinction, and Evolution in Hawai'i

The Birds of America

Urban Birding Around the World

An Epoch Tale of a Scientist and an Artist on the

Ultimate 5,000-mile Paleo Road Trip

Belonging on an Island

A Photographic Journey

Backroads of Texas

Stunning exploration of the life of one

of our most mysterious and striking

creatures: the Snowy Owl

Birdwatching is one of America's most

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popular activities, but many field guides are so comprehensive or advanced that they intimidate novice birders.

Covering the region north of the U.S. border, south of Prince George, east of Manning Park and west into the Rockies, *Birds of Interior BC and the Rockies* is for beginning and intermediate birders who wish to identify the birds they regularly spot in this area. However, the book will also appeal to more experienced local and visiting birders

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who want to learn more about the behavior, habitat and seasonal occurrence of local birds. Packed with useful information, this handy, portable guide tells you how to identify local birds, find out where they live and what they eat, how to attract birds to your yard and how to select a pair of binoculars.

Identification is made easy with more than 400 sharp, full-color photos illustrating over 200 species of birds,

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in the plumage most likely seen in the region and color-coded by species. There's even a checklist to record your sightings.

"A writer's search for inspiration, beauty, and solace leads her to birds in this ... meditation on creativity and life"--

Based on the beloved Twitter sensation, Thoughts of Dog contains never-before-seen, sweet and funny reflections on life from the pup-spective of a goooooob

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dog, who, above all else, loves their human. Join a dog and their stuffed "fren" sebastian as they navigate life's adventures through the most wholesome lens imaginable. The mastermind behind WeRateDogs, Matt Nelson, expands the Thoughts of Dog universe born on social media with his new book for anyone looking for a smile.

Tides

The Unfeathered Bird

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Unnatural Selection

Amazing Arachnids

The Life of a Wood Thrush

A Visual Natural History

Tales from Concrete Jungles

Describes the Community Baboon Sanctuary and the northern forest of Belize, with examples introducing the complexities of the tropical rainforest. In *Tides: The Science and Spirit of the Ocean*, writer, sailor, and surfer Jonathan White takes readers across the globe to discover the science and spirit of ocean tides. In the Arctic, White shimmies under the

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ice with an Inuit elder to hunt for mussels in the dark cavities left behind at low tide; in China, he races the Silver Dragon, a twenty-five-foot tidal bore that crashes eighty miles up the Qiantang River; in France, he interviews the monks that live in the tide-wrapped monastery of Mont Saint-Michel; in Chile and Scotland, he investigates the growth of tidal power generation; and in Panama and Venice, he delves into how the threat of sea level rise is changing human culture—the very old and very new. Tides combines lyrical prose, colorful adventure travel, and provocative scientific inquiry into the

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elemental, mysterious paradox that keeps our planet's waters in constant motion. Photographs, scientific figures, line drawings, and sixteen color photos dramatically illustrate this engaging, expert tour of the tides.

There is more to a bird than simply feathers. And just because birds evolved from a single flying ancestor doesn't mean they are structurally all the same. With over 385 stunning drawings depicting 200 species, *The Unfeathered Bird* is a richly illustrated book on bird anatomy that offers refreshingly original insights into what goes on beneath the feathered surface.

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Each exquisite drawing is made from an actual specimen and reproduced in sumptuous large format. The birds are shown in lifelike positions and engaged in behavior typical of the species: an underwater view of the skeleton of a swimming loon, the musculature of a porpoising penguin, and an unfeathered sparrowhawk plucking its prey. Jargon-free and easily accessible to any reader, the lively text relates birds' anatomy to their lifestyle and evolution, examining such questions as why penguins are bigger than auks, whether harrier hawks really have double-jointed legs, and the

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difference between wing claws and wing spurs. A landmark in popular bird books, *The Unfeathered Bird* is a must for anyone who appreciates birds or bird art. A unique book that bridges art, science, and history Over 385 beautiful drawings, artistically arranged in a sumptuous large-format book Accessible, jargon-free text--the only book on bird anatomy aimed at the general reader Drawings and text all based on actual bird specimens Includes most anatomically distinct bird groups Many species never illustrated before Back by popular demand with more than 300,000

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copies sold, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is proud to re-release the widely acclaimed and bestselling bird audio field guide series, Backyard Birdsongs, from award-winning Ornithologist and Author, Donald Kroodsma. Backyard Birdsongs is an interactive handbook of birds and their songs for beginning bird-watchers. With a touch-button electronic module housing common vocalizations of 75 species from across Eastern and Central North America, this volume offers a truly sensory way to identify and get to know local birds. Crisply detailed and scientifically accurate illustrations accompany

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each entry, and up-to-date range maps provide clear geographical reference points. Complete with an introduction to birdsongs that will inspire readers to look out their kitchen windows and venture out in the field, this unique book provides an exciting entryway into the subtle art of birding. This second edition includes a much-requested new Sound Track Index (to help make watching and listening to birds easier), and a download of the award-winning MERLIN® Bird ID App available FREE on iTunes and Android stores (no code necessary). 35% of the net proceeds from the sale of Backyard Birdsongs supports

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projects at the Cornell Lab, such as children's educational and community programs.

An Obsession, a Quest, and the Biggest Year in the World

A Belizean Rain Forest

The Community Baboon Sanctuary

Birds of Interior BC and the Rockies

The Science and Spirit of the Ocean

Flute's Journey

The Backyard Birdsong Guide Eastern and Central North America

Become a more attentive observer and deepen your

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appreciation for the natural world. The unique five-year calendar format of The Naturalist's Notebook helps you create a long-term record and point of comparison for memorable events, such as the first songbird you hear in spring, your first monarch butterfly sighting of summer, or the appearance of the northern lights. Biologist Nathaniel T. Wheelwright and best-selling author Bernd Heinrich teach nature lovers of all ages what to look for outdoors no matter where you live, using Heinrich's classic illustrations as inspiration. As you jot down one observation a day, year after year, your collected field notes will serve as a valuable record of your piece of the planet. This deluxe book, with a three-piece case, gilt edges, a burgundy ribbon bookmark, and a belly band with gold foil stamping, is a perfect gift for all nature lovers.

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Location guide to bird watching sites in S.e. Arizona with annotated check list and seasonal bar graphs.

WORDS IN OUR BEAK is the first volume in a series of narratives introducing readers to a simple understanding of the winged world and its environment. Set in a New York City rooftop garden, the story is told in the voice of Cam, a female cardinal, who visits the garden regularly. Written for children and adults who are curious about birds and want to learn about them from a unique perspective, WORDS IN OUR BEAK includes rich, colorful images of Cam and her friends surrounded by lush flora and fauna. Also woven within this amusing and informative narrative are references to additional text and video expanding the reader's experience.

Two "paleonerds" embark on a roadtrip across the West in

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search of fossils.

Our Birds

Welcome to Subirdia

Birds Art Life

Along the Byways to Breathtaking Landscapes and Quirky

Small Towns

A Year of Observation

How to Know the Birds

Cruisin' the Fossil Freeway

“Utterly captivating and beautifully written, this book is a hugely entertaining and enlightening exploration of a bird so wickedly smart, curious, and social, it boggles the mind.”—Jennifer Ackerman, author of *The Bird Way* “A fascinating, entertaining, and totally engrossing story.”—David

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Sibley, author of *What It's Like to Be a Bird* An enthralling account of a modern voyage of discovery as we meet the clever, social birds of prey called caracaras, which puzzled Darwin, fascinate modern-day falconers, and carry secrets of our planet's deep past in their family history. "As curious, wide-ranging, gregarious, and intelligent as its subject."—Charles C. Mann, author of *1491* In 1833, Charles Darwin was astonished by an animal he met in the Falkland Islands: handsome, social, and oddly crow-like falcons that were "tame and inquisitive . . . quarrelsome and passionate," and so insatiably curious that they stole hats, compasses, and other valuables from the crew of the *Beagle*. Darwin wondered why these birds were confined to remote islands at the tip of South America, sensing a larger story, but he set this mystery aside and never returned to it.

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Almost two hundred years later, Jonathan Meiburg takes up this chase. He takes us through South America, from the fog-bound coasts of Tierra del Fuego to the tropical forests of Guyana, in search of these birds: striated caracaras, which still exist, though they're very rare. He reveals the wild, fascinating story of their history, origins, and possible futures. And along the way, he draws us into the life and work of William Henry Hudson, the Victorian writer and naturalist who championed caracaras as an unsung wonder of the natural world, and to falconry parks in the English countryside, where captive caracaras perform incredible feats of memory and problem-solving. *A Most Remarkable Creature* is a hybrid of science writing, travelogue, and biography, as generous and accessible as it is sophisticated, and absolutely riveting.

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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.

**A field guide that revolutionizes warbler identification
Warblers are among the most challenging birds to identify.
They exhibit an array of seasonal plumages and have distinctive yet oft-confused calls and songs. The Warbler Guide enables you to quickly identify any of the 56 species of warblers in the United States and Canada. This groundbreaking guide features more than 1,000 stunning color photos, extensive species accounts with multiple viewing angles, and an entirely new system of vocalization analysis that helps you distinguish songs and calls. The Warbler Guide revolutionizes birdwatching, making warbler identification easier than ever before. For more**

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