

Whales

An in-depth introduction to a popular species of marine mammal and the various habitats in which it can be found. Annotation. Killer Whales of the World is an in-depth introduction to a ubiquitous, easily recognized, and popular species of marine mammal. Those interested in marine biology, marine animals, coastal conservation issues and animal lovers in general are sure to appreciate this book. This comprehensive and highly informative book explains the origin of the name "Killer Whale," where they can be found, their traveling behaviors and feeding habits, and some of the threats they face as a species. It also examines this well-known whale's place in popular culture. For those who just cannot seem to get enough of this hugely popular mammal, the book offers places to find additional information about killer whales and also gives some locations where readers can go to see the animal first hand. Annotation. Baird, a US biologist expert on killer whales (aka: orcas), helped relocate Keiko (of fame) to Iceland. He presents facts and research on these Cetaceans, where to see them, a conservation case study, and current thinking on whether there is more than one species. Includes color photos, distribution maps, and websites for further information. Oversize landscape format. Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com)

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In this post-apocalyptic fantasy, a sea of sand swallows everything but the past. In an endless sea of sand drifts the Mud Whale, a floating island city of clay and magic. In its chambers a small community clings to survival, cut off from its own history by the shadows of the past. Chakuro is the archivist for the Mud Whale, diligently chronicling the lives and deaths of his people. As one of the short-lived thymia wielders, he knows his time is limited and is determined to leave a better record than his predecessors. But the steady pace of their isolated existence on the Mud Whale is abruptly shattered when a scouting party discovers a mysterious young girl who seems to know more about their home than they do... Whilst the minke whale is the world's most abundant whale, it is also the most persecuted of the baleen whales. Hoelzel and Stern provide an illustrated study of what is currently known about this relatively solitary whale and its behaviour. In the late 16th century, Dutch beachcomber Adriaen Coenen scanned the beaches of Holland for interesting marine material and produced several illustrated manuscripts of his findings, covering anything from the commonplace herring to the exotic moonfish. Coenen's work contains the earliest European pictures of whales, naïve but easily identifiable, which makes it a rare visual and textual source for the natural world of his day. The Whale Book offers a representative selection of more than 100 pages from Coenen's manuscripts that deal mainly, though not exclusively, with whales. Coenen's charming, lively

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watercolors are reproduced in color alongside translations of his texts, and both are accompanied by modern marine-biological identifications and observations that amplify and explain his work, setting it within the wider context of this period in Northern European history. The Whale Book will appeal to all those interested in the natural world and the preservation of threatened marine wildlife, as well as those active in the fields of cultural history, art and the natural sciences. In addition, readers will gain unexpected insights into the experiences of an everyday figure caught up in the events of a turbulent period in Dutch history. The Step-By-Step Way to Draw Great White Sharks, Killer Whales, Barracudas, Seahorses, Seals, and More...

Draw 50 Sharks, Whales, and Other Sea Creatures

The Gray Whale Migration

Among Whales

Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises

Whales and Other Sea Mammals

Collects portraits of whale culture, including humpback whales that build nets with bubbles, social networks within the sea, and details of whale sex.

Dive into an exploration of these majestic mammals, one of the most fascinating animal species on the planet. You already know that whales aren't fish, but mammals who need to breath and hold their breath under water, just like us humans? And that the blue whale grows to be longer than three buses? In *The World of Whales* we explore many interesting

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facts about these fantastic animals, looking at the habits and characteristics that make the multiple species of this family so special. From the stealthy orcas that traverse the seas, to the beautiful songs of humpbacks and the booming calls of the blue whales, we immerse ourselves in the lives of these grandiose swimmers. Join our subaquatic expedition to follow agile fins and flukes, learn about their routines, and marvel as these marine giants breach the ocean's surface.

Famed in story as "the great leviathans," sperm whales are truly creatures of extremes. Giants among all whales, they also have the largest brains of any creature on Earth. Males can reach a length of sixty-two feet and can weigh upwards of fifty tons. With this book, Hal Whitehead gives us a clearer picture of the ecology and social life of sperm whales than we have ever had before. Based on almost two decades of field research, Whitehead describes their biology, behavior, and habitat; how they organize their societies; and how their complex lifestyles may have evolved in this unique environment. Among the many fascinating topics he explores is the crucial role that culture plays in the life of the sperm whale, and he traces the consequences of this argument for both evolution and conservation. Finally, drawing on these findings, Whitehead builds a general model of how the ocean environment influences social behavior and cultural evolution among mammals as well as other animals. The definitive portrait of a provocative creature, Sperm Whales will interest animal behaviorists, conservationists, ecologists, and evolutionary biologists as well as marine mammalogists.

Documenting a field biologist's life among great whales, an account addresses a wide range of subjects--from the purpose of the brain to peaceful cohabitation among the world's

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creatures--and offers information and stories about the ocean world. 35,000 first printing.

Discover Science: Whales and Dolphins

Minke Whales

Isabel of the Whales

Discourses on Whales and Whaling

Wonderful Whales

North Atlantic Right Whales at the Crossroads

"A must read for anyone interested in the ecology of whales, this timely and creative volume is sure to stimulate new research for years to come."—Annalisa Berta, San Diego State University

Whaling has become one of the most controversial environmental issues. It is not that all whale species are at the brink of extinction, but that whales have become important symbols to both pro- and anti-whaling factions and can easily be appropriated as the common heritage of humankind. This book, the first of its kind, is therefore not about whales and whaling per se but about how people communicate about whales and whaling. It contributes to a better understanding and discussion of controversial

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environmental issues: Why and how are issues selected? How is knowledge on these issues produced and distributed by organizations and activists? And why do affluent countries like Japan and Norway still support whaling, which is of insignificant economic importance? Basing his analysis on fieldwork in Japan and Norway and at the International Whaling Commission, the author argues how an image of a "superwhale" has been constructed and how this image has replaced meat and oil as the important whale commodity. He concludes that the whaling issue provides an arena where NGOs and authorities on each side can unite, swapping political legitimacy and building personal relations that can be useful on issues where relations are less harmonious. "Follows a single gray whale on its annual migration journey"--

Briefly covers the characteristics, types, young, and relatives of whales and discusses the hunting and protection of these giants of the sea.

Get to Know the Giants of the Ocean

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Natural History and Conservation

Fathoming the Giants of the Pacific Ocean

Killer Whales of the World

The World of Whales

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From the moment life crawled out of the oceans and onto land, to when our primate ancestors climbed down from the trees, the history of Planet Earth is filled with incredible stories. This beautifully illustrated guide explores some of the most exciting and incredible events in evolution, through 13 case studies. Step back in time and discover a world where whales once walked, crocodiles were warm-blooded, and snakes had legs! Meet terrifying giant birds, and tiny elephants living on islands in this fascinating creature guide like no other. Learn how whales once walked on four legs before taking to the oceans; how dinosaurs evolved into birds; and how the first cats were small and lived in trees. Featuring a stunning mix of annotated illustrations, illustrated scenes, and family trees, evolution is explained here in a captivating and novel style that will make children look at animals in a whole new way.

Introduces whales, describes their anatomy, senses, food, reproduction, and defenses, discusses the relationship between whales and humans, and explains the differences between the various kinds of whale

Documents the efforts of crusading lawyer Joel Renolds and marine biologist Ken

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Balcolm to expose a covert U.S. Navy sub detection system that caused whales to beach themselves, an effort that challenged Ken's loyalties and pitted them against powerful military adversaries.

Since November 1995, the U.S. Navy's Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) and other hydrophone arrays were used to regularly sample the occurrence of whale sounds in four regions bordering the continental margins across the North Pacific. The numbers of whales heard calling varied with season and location for each species, blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*). For blue whales, calling during the fall season averaged 5 whales per event, winter averaged 1.5 whales per event, spring averaged 1 whale, and summer averaged 1.5 whales. For fin whales the numbers of whales heard ('F' calls from individuals) during winter averaged 3 whales per event, spring and fall calling averaged 1.5 whales, and summer averaged 1 whale. The 'J' calling events, regardless of season, were judged to be from at least 6 fin whales. Humpback singing typically was from 3 whales. These number demonstrated seasonal variations in calling whales for each region.

The World in the Whale

War of the Whales

Numbers of Calling Whales in the North Pacific

Listening to Whales

When the Whales Walked

Their Biology and Behavior

In this rhyming photographic board book, young readers are introduced to the different species of whales that live around the world.

A gorgeously illustrated, entertaining, and educational guide to the wonderful whales, dolphins, and porpoises of the world. Some of the world's most fascinating and beloved animals, cetaceans have captivated the human imagination for centuries. Whales: An Illustrated Celebration explores the most interesting and illuminating facts about these marine mammals, from the enormous blue whale (which has a heart the size of a car!) to the Amazon river dolphin (which is pink!). Gorgeously illustrated with full-color art on every page, this giftable guide delves into cetaceans' mysterious evolution (from land to water mammals), their place in mythology, and their ecology, habitats, and behaviors (such as singing, fluking, beaching, bubble feeding, and more). Perfect for nature and animal lovers from eight to eighty, Whales also covers the current state of wild and captive cetaceans worldwide, why we should care, and what we can do to help our beautiful marine mammal friends. Describes the physical and social characteristics of various whale species, including the first year of a humpback whale calf.

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Eleven-year-old Isabel is a “plain old” girl living in Provincetown, Massachusetts, who believes that she is destined to accomplish something special. When her fifth-grade class goes on a whale-watch field trip, something amazing happens: Dozens of different species of whales surround the boat, bumping the deck and sending Isabel flying into the ocean. Isabel is shocked to hear the whales speaking to her—she is a mermaid, they tell her, a “Chosen One” who has the ability to turn from a human into a whale and back again. She is destined to live among the whales long enough to learn their ways, and teach them about the human world. Living among her pod is fun, at first, but Isabel has an important mission. She will change the whales’ future forever, and learn a lot about herself in the process.

The Great Depression

When Whales Cross the Sea

The Breath of a Whale

Fathoms

The Whale Book

The Urban Whale

Describes the physical characteristics and habitats of baleen and toothed whales,

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explaining how these marine mammals breathe, eat, and communicate, and discusses the dangers of over-hunting, pollution, and global warming.

Explores the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and feeding habits of these underwater mammals.

Here's an animal lover's one-stop source for in-depth information on humpback whales! What do they eat? How do they behave? Are they at risk? This book also includes loads of fun and fascinating facts about humpback whales, as well as maps, charts, and wonderful photographs of these fascinating creatures.

Describes the characteristics, habits, and social customs of different types of whales and dolphins, and includes such simple projects as making a dolphin mobile and a whale bookmark.

A True Story

Watching Giants

The Cultural Lives of Whales and Dolphins

Sperm Whales

The Science and Spirit of Pacific Ocean Giants

What the Orcas Have Taught Us

It is hard to imagine that these creatures as big as trucks could be vulnerable. But the giants are endangered. What is their biggest threat? What is being done to save them? Learn about

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whales and how to help the largest animal on the planet.

Dive into Earth's oceans and discover the world of the blue whale! Stunning, full-color photos of these gigantic whales above water and below. A range map reveals where these special sea creatures can be found. A labeled diagram helps readers identify flukes, flippers, and more. The blue whale's habitat, senses, threats, diet, reproduction, unique behaviors, and enormous size are also introduced. These whales are already more than 20 feet long at birth. Find out just how big they grow to become, the largest creatures ever to have lived on Earth! Plus, learn how deep blue whales can dive and how they eat. A facts page, bolded glossary terms, and an index support the easy-to-read chapter text. Checkerboard Library is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

Drawing on their own research as well as scientific literature including evolutionary biology, anatomy, behavior, ecology, anthropology, psychology and neuroscience, two cetacean biologists submerge themselves in the unique environment in which whales and dolphins live.

An insightful study of the language and behavior of orcas draws on the author's twenty-five years of personal observation to describe how her years of research and recordings of killer whale language have led to a deeper understanding of whale echolocation and communication. Reprint.

Whales, Whaling, and Ocean Ecosystems

Unveiling the Whale

Secrets of the Whales

Whales and Other Marine Animals as Described by Adriaen Coenen in 1585

And Other Incredible Evolutionary Journeys

Endangered Blue Whales

Winner of the 2021 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction * Finalist for the 2020 Kirkus

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Prize for Nonfiction * Finalist for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award A “delving, haunted, and poetic debut” (The New York Times Book Review) about the awe-inspiring lives of whales, revealing what they can teach us about ourselves, our planet, and our relationship with other species. When writer Rebecca Giggs encountered a humpback whale stranded on her local beachfront in Australia, she began to wonder how the lives of whales reflect the condition of our oceans. *Fathoms: The World in the Whale* is “a work of bright and careful genius” (Robert Moor, New York Times bestselling author of *On Trails*), one that blends natural history, philosophy, and science to explore: How do whales experience ecological change? How has whale culture been both understood and changed by human technology? What can observing whales teach us about the complexity, splendor, and fragility of life on earth? In *Fathoms*, we learn about whales so rare they have never been named, whale songs that sweep across hemispheres in annual waves of popularity, and whales that have modified the chemical composition of our planet’s atmosphere. We travel to Japan to board the ships that hunt whales and delve into the deepest seas to discover how plastic pollution pervades our earth’s undersea environment. With the immediacy of Rachel Carson and the lush prose of Annie Dillard, Giggs gives us a “masterly” (The New Yorker) exploration of the natural world even as she addresses what it means to write about nature at a time of environmental crisis. With depth and clarity, she outlines the challenges we face as we attempt to understand the perspectives of other living beings, and our own place on an evolving planet. Evocative and inspiring, *Fathoms* “immediately earns its place in the pantheon of classics of the new golden age of environmental writing” (Literary Hub).

Dramatic, ready-to-color renderings of over 40 seagoing and freshwater mammals, including the bottlenose dolphin, Irrawaddy dolphin, Amazon dolphin, northern bottlenose whale, sperm whale, blue whale, killer whale, and astonishing ivory tusked narwhal. Full-color illustrations on covers. Fact-filled

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captions.

This provocative book of photography offers bold new insight into the lives of the world's largest mammals, along with their complex societies. In these pages, we learn that whales share an amazing ability to learn and adapt to opportunities, from specialized feeding strategies to parenting techniques. There is also evidence of deeper, cultural elements of whale identity, from unique dialects to matrilineal societies to organized social customs like singing contests. Featuring the arresting underwater images of Brian Skerry, who has explored and documented oceans for over four decades, this book will document these alluring creatures in all their glory--and demonstrate how these majestic creatures can teach us about ourselves and our planet.

Describes, in text and illustrations, the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of various species of whales.

The Past, Present, and Future of Earth's Most Awesome Creatures

Humpback Whales

An Illustrated Celebration

The Secret Lives of Whales

Whales and Dolphins Coloring Book

Blue Whales

Provides step-by-step instructions for drawing a variety of sharks, whales, and other sea creatures, including the hammerhead shark, humpback whale, and giant sea turtle.

"This nonfiction book about whales in the Pacific Ocean is written by Leigh Calvez.

Calvez has worked with whales and dolphins as a scientist, naturalist, and nature writer.

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As a scientist, she was Research Director for the Ocean Mammal Institute on such projects as the effect of vessel traffic on endangered humpback whales off Maui, Hawaii. She also led the only independent research team observing the US Navy's testing of Low Frequency Active Sonar on humpback whales in their nurseries in Hawaii in 1998" -- "First published in 2017 by the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London"--Title page verso.

Profiles the harsh conditions suffered by the majority of the American population during the 1930s, and explains Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal and the Social Security Act.

Spying on Whales

Social Evolution in the Ocean

Children of the Whales

Big Whales, Small World

"A palaeontological howdunnit...[Spying on Whales] captures the excitement of...seeking answers to deep questions in cetacean science." —Nature Called "the best of science writing" (Edward O. Wilson) and named a best book by Popular Science, a dive into the secret lives of whales, from their four-legged past to their perilous present. Whales are among the largest, most intelligent, deepest diving species to have ever lived on our planet. They evolved from land-roaming, dog-sized creatures into animals that move like fish, breathe like us, can grow to 300,000 pounds, live 200 years and travel entire ocean basins. Whales fill us with terror, awe, and affection--yet there is still so much we don't

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*know about them. Why did it take whales over 50 million years to evolve to such big sizes, and how do they eat enough to stay that big? How did their ancestors return from land to the sea--and what can their lives tell us about evolution as a whole? Importantly, in the sweepstakes of human-driven habitat and climate change, will whales survive? Nick Pyenson's research has given us the answers to some of our biggest questions about whales. He takes us deep inside the Smithsonian's unparalleled fossil collections, to frigid Antarctic waters, and to the arid desert in Chile, where scientists race against time to document the largest fossil whale site ever found. Full of rich storytelling and scientific discovery, *Spying on Whales* spans the ancient past to an uncertain future--all to better understand the most enigmatic creatures on Earth.*

*From the author of *The Hidden Lives of Owls*, an exploration of the elusive lives of whales in the Pacific Ocean, home to orcas, humpbacks, sperm, blue, and gray whales. Leigh Calvez has spent a dozen years researching, observing, and probing the lives of the giants of the deep. Here, she relates the stories of nature's most remarkable creatures, including the familial orcas in the waters of Washington State and British Columbia; the migratory humpbacks; the ancient, deep-diving blue whales, the largest animals on the planet. The lives of these whales are conveyed through the work of dedicated researchers who have spent decades tracking them along their secretive routes that extend for thousands of miles, gleaning their habits and sounds and distinguishing peculiarities. The author invites the reader onto a small research catamaran maneuvering among 100-foot long blue whales off the coast of California; or to join the task of monitoring patterns of humpback whale movements at the ocean surface: tail throw, flipper slap, fluke up, or blow. To experience whales is breathtaking. To understand their lives deepens our connection with the natural world.*

In 1980 a group of scientists censusing marine mammals in the Bay of Fundy was astonished at the

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sight of 25 right whales. It was, one scientist later recalled, "like finding a brontosaurus in the backyard." Until that time, scientists believed the North Atlantic right whale was extinct or nearly so. The sightings electrified the research community, spurring a quarter century of exploration, which is documented here. The authors present our current knowledge about the biology and plight of right whales, including their reproduction, feeding, genetics, and endocrinology, as well as fatal run-ins with ships and fishing gear. Employing individual identifications, acoustics, and population models, Scott Kraus, Rosalind Rolland, and their colleagues present a vivid history of this animal, from a once commercially hunted commodity to today's life-threatening challenges of urban waters. Hunted for nearly a millennium, right whales are now being killed by the ocean commerce that supports our modern way of life. This book offers hope for the eventual salvation of this great whale.