

Strange Unusual Gross Cool Animals An Animal Planet Book

Have you ever wondered how much time people spend on the internet or a smart phone? How about the average amount of time spent studying or doing homework? People use averages every day. Averages give the amount that is typical for a group of people or things. Averages can tell us a lot! Learn why averages are important with this engaging title! Created in partnership with TIME®, this 6-Pack of nonfiction readers builds critical literacy skills while students are engaged in reading high-interest content. Reader's Guide and Try It! provide extensive language-development activities to develop critical thinking; Table of contents, glossary, and index help increase comprehension and strengthen academic vocabulary; A fun culminating activity challenges students to calculate averages in their daily lives; Prepares students for college and career and aligns with state and national standards. This 6-Pack includes six copies of this title and a content-area focused lesson plan.

Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and sentence highlighting to engage reluctant readers! The octopus spies a nice, tasty mantis shrimp. It swims over for a closer look at the small creature. Then—WHAM!—the mantis shrimp strikes a nasty blow with its hammer-like forelimb. The octopus shrinks back, defeated. That wasn't such an easy meal after all . . . In nature, good defenses can mean the difference between surviving a predator's attack and becoming its lunch. Some animals rely on sharp teeth and claws or camouflage. But that's only the beginning. Meet creatures with some of the strangest defenses known to science. How strange? Hagfish that can instantaneously produce oodles of gooey, slippery slime; frogs that poke their own toe bones through their skin to create claws; young birds that shoot streams of stinking poop; and more.

A thought-provoking and darkly witty novel about freedom, motherhood, greed, and religion—a surprising new direction from the controversial author of *Men, Women & Children* and *The Average American Male*. Chad Kultgen has established himself as one of the most honest and candid chroniclers of human relationships working today. Now, in an eye-opening departure, he turns his gaze on the collision between religious values and human freedoms in American society. She found herself thinking how strange it was that although we are all animals with roughly the same mental capacity—and roughly the same access to information, both general and specific—we can come to such radically different conclusions about the nature of reality. She wondered if it would always be like this, or if at some point in the future a general knowledge base would be accepted by the whole of humanity on which every individual would base their view of existence. She hoped this would be the case and wished she could live to see it. Karen Halloway is a philosophy PhD candidate, struggling to find a dissertation topic strong enough to make a mark on the world. When she discovers that she's pregnant, she finds herself at a crossroads: she has always known that she doesn't want to be a mother, and feels her only choice is to have an abortion, though she knows that both her boyfriend and her highly religious best friend will object. Yet on the way to the clinic, Karen has the epiphany she's been looking for—a way to turn her unexpected situation to her advantage. Fiendishly suspenseful, intellectually provocative, *Strange Animals* is a surprising novel about freedom, choice, and desperate measures.

Take a look at the world's weirdest animals--from blobfish to Octogoat. These stories are too strange to be made up! Written with a high interest level to appeal to a more mature audience and a lower level of complexity with clear visuals to help struggling readers along. Considerate text includes tons of fascinating information and wild facts that will hold the readers' interest, allowing for successful mastery and comprehension. A table of contents, glossary with simplified pronunciations, and index all enhance comprehension.

Gross and Ghastly: Animals is an alternative animal factbook, which draws children in with its gruesome nature, but provides essential facts every child should know. Did you know that seals supposedly have the stinkiest farts in the world? Or that some creepy-crawlies use their poop as a shield so that they don't get eaten? Learn about all the gross things animals do, with this fantastically gruesome factbook!

Focusing on a range of animals, from creepy critters to foul fish, and what makes them so truly terrible, *Gross and Ghastly: Animals* is a stomach churning journey that delves into the despicable animal kingdom. Dive down to the depths of the ocean and discover why puffer fish inflate. Explore the Amazon rainforest and see if you can spot the poison dart frog, one of the most toxic animals on earth. Packed full of facts, puzzles, and games, young readers are sure to learn something exciting about their favorite animals. Including delightfully disgusting illustrations, this is a must-have for every young animal-lover or 6-9 year old who loves a bit of toilet humor!

This interdisciplinary and cross-cultural collection reflects the growth of animal studies as an independent field and the rise of 'animality' as a critical lens through which to analyze society and culture, on par with race and gender.

Nature's most disgusting creatures take centre stage, in this humorous but enlightening collection of downright disgusting creatures. From puking vultures and farting goats to stinky opossums who pretend to be dead, this title will include disgusting facts exploring each animal's unusual skills and how they use them to survive. Humorous illustrations celebrating weird and wonderful creatures will delight any child with an interest in animals and nature, particularly those with a fondness for the grosser things in life.

You don't need to be a math teacher to understand and use averages. Farmers look at the rainfall average to figure out the best times to plant crops. Scientists perform experiments several times and calculate the average to see if their results are accurate. Learn about averages with this full-color informational text that is packed with fun facts, fascinating sidebars, and high-interest content. Featuring TIME® content and images, this full-color nonfiction book has text features such as a glossary, an index, and a table of contents to engage students in reading as they build their comprehension, vocabulary, and reading skills. The Reader's Guide and extended Try It! activity increase understanding of the material, and develop higher-order thinking. Check It Out! offers print and online resources for additional reading. Keep students reading from cover to cover with this captivating text!

You'll be amazed to discover all the different reasons why animals have spots! What kinds of animals have spots and why do they have them? With engaging rhymes and bright, bold images, award-winning author-illustrator Susan Stockdale introduces readers to a range of spotted animals, familiar and exotic, and some of the benefits of their patterns. In addition to providing beauty and inspiration, spots can help a creature masquerade as a different, more threatening species, provide camouflage for hunting or hiding, or scare off predators. From the ladybug to the blue poison dart frog, the green anaconda to the white-tailed deer fawn, these spectacularly spotted creatures will delight and fascinate budding naturalists. This entrancing companion to *Stripes of All Types* (130,000 copies sold in a variety of formats) features energetic rhyming text and beautifully detailed paintings that pop off the page. An afterword tells a little bit more about each animal and where it lives, and readers can test their knowledge of animal spots with a fun matching game at the end.

One of Bookpage's Most Anticipated Nonfiction Books of 2021 Join "America's funniest science writer" (Peter Carlson, *Washington Post*), Mary Roach, on an irresistible investigation into the unpredictable world where wildlife and humans meet. What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? A murderous tree? Three hundred years ago, animals that broke the law would be assigned legal representation and put on trial. These days, as New York Times best-selling author Mary Roach discovers, the answers are best found not

in jurisprudence but in science: the curious science of human-wildlife conflict, a discipline at the crossroads of human behavior and wildlife biology. Roach tags along with animal-attack forensics investigators, human-elephant conflict specialists, bear managers, and "danger tree" faller blasters. Intrepid as ever, she travels from leopard-terrorized hamlets in the Indian Himalaya to St. Peter's Square in the early hours before the pope arrives for Easter Mass, when vandal gulls swoop in to destroy the elaborate floral display. She taste-tests rat bait, learns how to install a vulture effigy, and gets mugged by a macaque. Combining little-known forensic science and conservation genetics with a motley cast of laser scarecrows, langur impersonators, and trespassing squirrels, Roach reveals as much about humanity as about nature's lawbreakers. When it comes to "problem" wildlife, she finds, humans are more often the problem—and the solution. Fascinating, witty, and humane, Fuzz offers hope for compassionate coexistence in our ever-expanding human habitat.

We share our planet with some truly weird and wonderful creatures, from blobfish to pink fairy armadillos, who can seem pretty pointless. The World's Most Pointless Animals shows you the amazing things these creatures can actually do.

Animal Planet presents the ickiest, stickiest, blobbiest, and oddest animals in the world! Did you know that an archerfish can spit water up to 16 feet? Or that the giant weta is the world's largest and heaviest insect? Animal Planet's fascinating exploration of animal oddities introduces young animal lovers to some of the most astonishing, gorgeous, and obscure animals in the world—including some brand new discoveries! Packed with more than 200 vibrant photographs and fun facts about animals with unusual behaviors, strange appearances, and remarkable stats, this deluxe gift book is perfect for reluctant readers or anyone who loves totally gross and amazing animals. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of books in the Animal Bites series benefits the principal partners of R.O.A.R. (Reach Out. Act. Respond.), Animal Planet's initiative dedicated to improving the lives of animals in our communities and in the wild.

There are lots of fascinating animals throughout the world with unusual characteristics. But you may be surprised to learn that many common animals may also have some uncommon characteristics! For example, did you know that: A giraffe can clean its own ears with its tongue? Or that a hippo has teeth as long as a child's arm? So come read facts about fourteen special animals who are less "normal" than we may think at first look.

Dive into these fishy facts: Did you know that the prehistoric shark, megalodon, had jaws so big that it could swallow a car? Or that goats, pigs, dogs, cats, and even an alpaca have all learned how to surf? And if that's not weird enough for ya, one man even rowed solo across the Pacific Ocean for 312 days! In this book filled with 300 wacky facts and pictures, you'll glimpse the ocean's weirdest wildlife, uncover shocking shipwrecks, and meet sensational seafarers, from pirates and sailors to ground-breaking marine scientists. Perfect for ocean enthusiasts and trivia-loving landlubbers alike!

Provides readers with a humorous look at what happens to a teenager's body and mind when they reach puberty.

It's survival of the grossest kind! Snot. Vomit. Spit. Poop. Everyone knows these are gross, right? Well, for some animals, they're crucial ingredients for survival! This book explores more than 30 of these animals and their grossest of the gross habits, from dung beetles who live for feces, to hagfish who cover themselves in gooey slime to escape predators, to bullfrogs who puke up their entire stomachs for cleaning purposes. It's all so icky. And so awfully interesting! Kids will need to hold their noses before diving into this one! (Barf bags not included.)

Did you know that the horned lizard squirts blood out of its eyes to scare off predators? Learn more about this creature as well as the leech, the naked mole rat, the hagfish, and many more creepy critters in this sickening and super science book. Not for the faint of heart, this revolting reader will be a favorite among boys and everyone interested in the strange and unusual!

"Cats of Instagram" meets National Geographic in this hilarious picture book about nature's cutest weirdos from the author of Pink Is for Blobfish! The Internet pretty much runs on cute animal photos, but "cute" is so much more than clickbait kittens and insta-pups. Cute is for feathery-gilled axolotls (pronounced: ax-uh-LOT-ulz), shy pygmy hippos, poisonous blue dragons, and armored pangolins. All of these animals are cute, but they've also adapted remarkable ways to survive in their unique environments. With her signature blend of humor and zoological know-how, Pink Is for Blobfish author Jess Keating shows how cute animals can be more than just a pretty face in this latest installment of the World of Weird Animals.

Animals come in all shapes and sizes. Some are cute and cuddly. Some are frightening and fierce. And some are downright strange! Have you ever seen a blobfish? This deep-sea creature looks like a swimming blob. How about a glass frog? You can see right through its skin to its beating heart! Take a look at these amazing animals and many more strange beasts.

Shares awesome, disgusting, and unusual facts about sports through conversational text and creative images. It's time to take fun fact and trivia books to a whole new level with awesome, disgusting, and unusual facts that kids will rush to share with their friends. Through closely leveled text, readers will find themselves laughing and learning.

Animal Planet meets Captain Underpants in the ickiest, squickiest, most fart-filled World of Weird Animals book yet, from the creators of Pink Is for Blobfish. The creators of Pink Is for Blobfish are back, and they've brought 17 of their most revolting friends: there are slippery, slimy snot otters, gulls that projectile-vomit on command, fish that communicate via flatulence, and chipmunks that cultivate healthy forests by pooping a trail of seeds wherever they go. But there's more to these skin-crawling creatures than meets the eye, and as zoologist Jess Keating explains, sometimes it's the very things that make us gag that allow these animals to survive in the wild. The perfect combination of yuks, yucks, and eureka!'s, this latest installment in the World of Weird Animals series will inspire budding scientists and burp enthusiasts alike!

Furry, scaly, feathery, slimy animals come in a myriad of shapes and sizes! This comprehensive look at the animal kingdom satiates readers curiosity about all of its diverse creatures. The innovative Q & A

format encourages inquisitive readers to explore for answers. They'll find explanations for concepts they've always wondered about, and find answers to questions they've never pondered before! Vivid illustrations bring details to life and immerse readers in the fascinating world of animals. Accessible and fun, this unique, interactive learning experience is sure to draw in even reluctant readers!

From Lovecraft to Borges to Gaiman, a century of intrepid literary experimentation has created a corpus of dark and strange stories that transcend all known genre boundaries. Together these stories form *The Weird*, and its practitioners include some of the greatest names in twentieth and twenty-first century literature. Exotic and esoteric, *The Weird* plunges you into dark domains and brings you face to face with surreal monstrosities. You won't find any elves or wizards here...but you will find the biggest, boldest, and downright most peculiar stories from the last hundred years bound together in the biggest *Weird* collection ever assembled. *The Weird* features 110 stories by an all-star cast, from literary legends to international bestsellers to Booker Prize winners: including William Gibson, George R. R. Martin, Stephen King, Angela Carter, Kelly Link, Franz Kafka, China Miéville, Clive Barker, Haruki Murakami, M. R. James, Neil Gaiman, Mervyn Peake, and Michael Chabon. *The Weird* is the winner of the 2012 World Fantasy Award for Best Anthology. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

An artfully playful collection of unexpected and remarkable facts about animals, illustrated by Swedish artist Maja Säfström. Did you know that an octopus has three hearts? Or that ostriches can't walk backward? These and many more fascinating and surprising facts about the animal kingdom (Bees never sleep! Starfish don't have brains!) are illustrated with whimsical detail in this charming collection. If you're a dinosaur, all of your friends are dead. If you're a pirate, all of your friends have scurvy. If you're a tree, all of your friends are end tables. Each page of this laugh-out-loud illustrated humor book showcases the downside of being everything from a clown to a cassette tape to a zombie. Cute and dark all at once, this hilarious children's book for adults teaches valuable lessons about life while exploring each cartoon character's unique grievance and wide-eyed predicament. From the sock whose only friends have gone missing to the houseplant whose friends are being slowly killed by irresponsible plant owners (like you), *All My Friends Are Dead* presents a delightful primer for laughing at the inevitable.

"The latest installment in the *World of Weird Animals* series, featuring seventeen of the grossest animals on earth"--

"Get ready to be grossed out--in a good way! This latest addition to the crazy popular *Weird but True* series is slimy and sticky and jam-packed with more icky, zany fun! Step up to the plate and try not to lose your lunch, with 300 all-new, amazing facts plus photos that kids just can't get enough of"--]cProvided by publisher.

How to Hold Animals is the irresistible guide to holding more than forty critters according to advice from wildlife specialists. Learn from the experts—a pet shop owner, a veterinarian, a wildlife photographer, and a reptile handler—how to pick up and hold dozens of species of animals, great and small, furry, scaly, and feathery, including snails, chipmunks, chickens, chinchillas, stag beetles, lizards, hamsters, owls, grasshoppers, mice, and more. Chock full of fascinating facts, interviews with experts, and full-color photos on every page, *How to Hold Animals* will delight and inform animal lovers of all stripes.

"An informative introduction to nature's scariest creatures, exploring why some animals are considered 'monsters.'"

Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and sentence highlighting for an engaging read aloud experience! Long snouts, bright-red lips, pointy heads . . . the animal kingdom is full of critters with unique features. Learn about the incredible adaptations that help these creatures—and their odd bods—survive and thrive all around the globe!

A Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year! Meet Olga, the amazing child scientist who LOVES animals (because they are super-cute)! Brightly put this heavily illustrated don't-miss book on their "Ultimate Summer Reading List for 9- to 12-Year-Olds." *Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere* is jam-packed with fun: vibrant illustrations, word bubbles, quirky humor, olgamus facts, and plenty of excitement for readers who love making discoveries and meeting new friends. Olga is a charming combination of independent, curious, and smart—making her the coolest girl scientist around—perfect for fans of *Dork Diaries* and *Captain Underpants*. When Olga crosses paths with a weird creature and becomes the first kid to discover the species *olgamus ridiculus*, she is ecstatic! What does an olgamus eat? How does it poop? Why does its burp sound like the word rubber? With her trusty observation notebook and the help of a librarian, a shopkeeper, and some friends, Olga sets out to do science—learning the facts about her smelly, almost-furry pal and searching for him when he goes missing. The scientific method is the best way to discover anything!

You've created a STEAM program in your library, but how do you work literacy into the curriculum? With this collection of resource recommendations, direction for program development, and activities, you'll have students reading proficiently in no time. • Presents complementary annotated books and discussion questions to engage students in STEAM topics • Offers topical project and problem-solving activity ideas for students in the library makerspace • Provides research and additional resources for teachers and librarians to use in implementing successful STEAM programs

A vibrantly photographed collection of animal facts profiles 14 exotic species, including kangaroos, hippos and giraffes, while sharing engaging details about what makes them unusual. By the creator of *When I Grow Up*.

"Interesting facts about animals, for kids"--

"An informative introduction to the weirdest, wildest, pinkest creatures in the animal kingdom."--

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