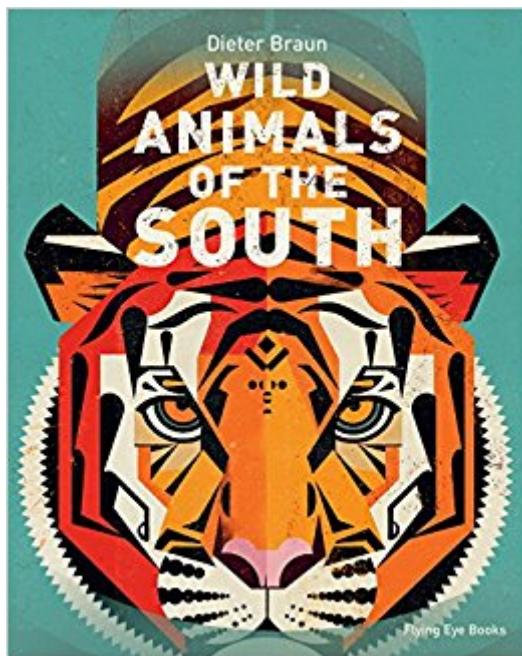


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Wild Animals Of The South



Synopsis

Famous German illustrator Dieter Braun offers his readers an accurate representation of animals from the southern hemisphere in this gorgeously illustrated volume. Through his beautiful and colorful illustrations, readers will be dazzled by the giraffes and elephants in Africa, koalas and kangaroos in Australia, huge blue whales in the open oceans, and many more! Dieter Braun is a freelance illustrator and children's book author from Hamburg, Germany. He studied Communication Design at the Folkwangschule in Essen. Clients include International publications like Time Magazine, the New York Times, stern, Cosmopolitan, Newsweek, Elle, and Glamour.

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"A tempting compendium of beautifully illustrated animals." —School Library Journal "Amazing intersection of art and knowledge." —Michelle Bellah, Copperfield's Books "The detail and color with the illustrations are meticulous and jaw-dropping. I said it with the last book, and it stands true with this one as well. The book reminds me of Audubon's illustrations and transport you to the different locations these animals would be found. It will certainly capture your child's imagination, engender in them a love of wildlife, and instruct them on animals they might not ever be exposed to otherwise. I cannot recommend this two book series anymore highly, and I firmly believe this collection belongs in every child's library." —Stuart —

Study"Simply a beautifully illustrated, well written book."Ã¢â€œNancie Booher, Multnomah County Library"The accurate representations of the animals from the southern hemisphere really make the book."Ã¢â€œOmniLibros"Design wise this book is a gem. Settings, animal pairings, perspectives, and layouts are varied and interesting. The visual appeal is lively and dramatic and page turning. [Ã¢â€œA] It is never too early to share the vast glory of our great animal kingdom with the youngest generation and to develop an appreciation for the variety that exists. And this book makes it easy and enjoyable to do so. With illustrations that reign sensitivity, the allure of the wild is seductive as well as sincere, promoting a respect for the wilderness."Ã¢â€œNew York Journal of Books

Experience the diversity and beauty of our world's southern hemisphere with this gorgeous volume - from exquisitely colorful mandrills in the rainforests of Africa to majestic humpack whales in the Antarctic waters. Accompanied by witty factual descriptions, Dieter Braun's striking geometric style captures the spirit of each animal in its natural habitat.

Focusing on multiple wild animals found in the five continents located in the southern hemisphere- Africa, South America, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica - "Wild Animals of the South" is a book of incredible, vividly hued and stylized illustrations. Dieter Braun created a visual treat for those who love amazing artwork and prefer minimal text. This large book contains some of the most striking visual representations of animals you will ever see. The tiger on the cover and contained in the body of the work is particularly arresting - its ferocity is intense. Many of the pieces resemble Eric Carle's collage art that graced his books "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Brown Bear ...". The text is short and more concise than desirable; in many cases, there is no information pertaining to the animal being shown on a page. While the text may pique the interest of some to research the subject animal further, it is not sufficient for those who prefer more comprehensive books. The Latin name of each animal accompanies the picture; it is separated from the common name by two backslashes. Weights and measurements are given using the metric system. While I value this book for its beauty and artistic merit, the lack of textual information cost it a star.

I own the first book in this series (Wild Animals of the North) and I was very pleased to find that artist Dieter Braun had come out with a new art book based on the animals of the South. I have always kept this type of beautiful animal artwork books out as a coffee table book. The artwork is original by Mr. Braun however, there is something about his style that reminds me of the beautiful artwork of

the late Charley Harper. I love the shading technique that Mr. Braun uses along with the slightly abstract geometric lines that make up the animals. The subject of the book is animals that are indigenous to the southern hemisphere with the book separated into sections by continent: Africa, South America, Asia, Australia and Antarctica. Each animal has an illustration/description. Some are given two pages, others a single page and then a few are grouped together on a single page. There is an index at the back of the book which also includes a color thumbnail of each animal as well as their common name and scientific name. The animals included in the book are: Africa

ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ Ostrich, White rhinoceros, Lion, Greater flamingo, Hippopotamus, White-backed vulture, Giraffe, Mountain gorilla, East African Oryx, Cheetah, African elephant, Okapi, Leopard, Blue wildebeest, Plains zebra, Common chimpanzee, Dik-dik, Mantled guereza, Mantis, Greater kudu, Springbok, Spotted hyena, Warthog, Sable antelope, African wild dog, Ring-tailed lemur, Black and white ruffed lemur, Mandrill, Oxpecker and African buffalo. South America

ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ Toco toucan, Tamarin, Capuchin, Southern anteater, Giant anteater, Squirrel monkey, Hummingbird, Capybara, Maned wolf, Brown-throated sloth, Two-toed sloth, Galapagos tortoise, Jaguar, Ocelot, Turquoise-browed motmot, Alpaca, Llama, Macaw, Nine-banded armadillo, Giant otter and Poison dart frog. Asia ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ Bengal tiger, Malayan tapir, Little Egret, Lar gibbon, Large flying fox, Asian elephant, Indian rhinoceros, Great hornbill, Common kingfisher and Indian peafowl. Australia ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ Galah, Saltwater crocodile, Koala, Common wombat, Tasmanian devil, Red kangaroo, Common spotted cuscus, Echidna, Tree-kangaroo, Dugong, Dingo, Australia white ibis, Frilled-neck lizard, Victoria crowned pigeon, Frogmouth, Numbat, Southern cassowary and Emu. Antarctica ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ Kelp gull, Southern elephant seal, Leopard seal, Adelie penguin, Chinstrap penguin, Gentoo penguin, Emperor penguin and Humpback whale.

This is a strange but interesting book. I say strange because the book appears to show most of the animals of the world, just omitting Europe and North America. So the

ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ "South"ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ in the title refers to the Southern hemisphere, but actually half of the Northern Hemisphere as well. The book is a high quality construction. The pages are thick, the drawings are expert, and the colors are muted but appropriate. There are about a hundred animals in the book, with one on each page, along with the common name and scientific name of each animal. What made the book a lot more interesting was that every couple of pages there was a paragraph about the animal being featured. (I would have loved for this to be about every animalÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ) Overall I felt the book was a little disjointed ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ it

wasn't quite a narrative, not quite an encyclopedia, but it is art, and it is beautiful to look at. The drawings all look like colorful woodcuts, and it has coffee table charm for children and adults alike. The more I look at the art, and it is art, not just illustration, the more the quirky geometric/sharp/smooth lines jump out at me. (Kind of like the art of Eric Carle, it is stylized and fascinating to look at.) Think more art and beauty rather than animal reference and I think you'll get the picture.

While my kids are well past the "picture book" phase in life, I couldn't resist picking up the Wild Animals of the South by Dieter Braun. This book is just absolutely beautiful to look at! The illustrations are large, bold, and so beautifully stylized - many of the illustrations are nice enough to cut out and frame to hang! The pages vary in number of animals pictured, from two or three to page, to single page spread for a single animal, to double page spreads for a single animal. Not every animal has a detailed description, but every animal pictured is clearly labeled with common and scientific name. The descriptions are simple enough for grade school children to read, and are interesting enough to encourage them to ask questions about the animal. This book is broken up into five regions of animals pictured - animals from Africa, South America, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica are listed. The variety of animals included is great - Lesser known animals such as tapirs, cuscus, and oryx are included as more well known animals such as tigers, rhinos, and hippos. Overall, this book was appreciated by all ages in our household, and would make a great gift to give to any animal/art lover.

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