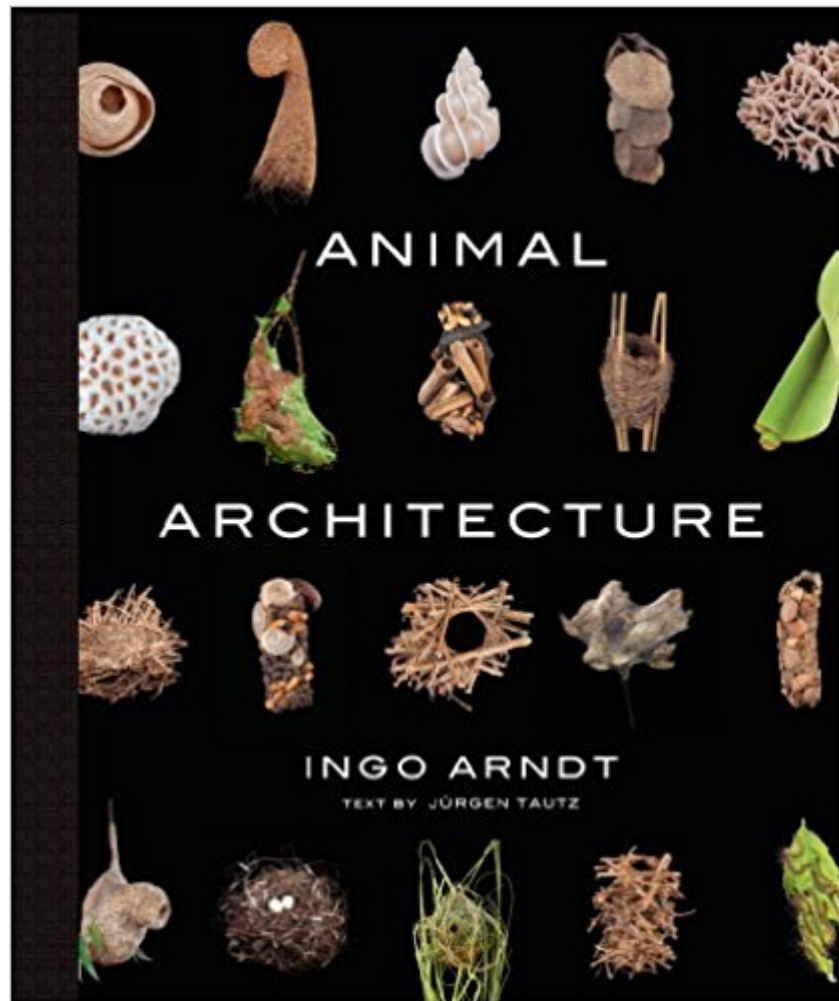




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Synopsis

Every day, all over the world, animals and insects set about the purposeful tasks of designing their homes, catching their prey, and attracting their mates. In the process they create gorgeous nests, shelters, and habitats. Capturing 120 of these wonders in all their beauty and complexity, *Animal Architecture* presents a visually arresting tribute to the intersection of nature, science, function, and design. Ingo Arndt's stunning studio photographs and vibrant in-situ shots of nests, forests, and wetlands provide close-up details of these designs, as well as the animals who created them. These compelling images are combined with an abundance of fascinating facts about the evolution of animals and insects, as well as their survival methods, mating habits, genetic dispositions, and more.

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Customer Reviews

"Arndt and Tautz bring the tour to a calming close with stunning images of corals, completing a coffee-table book as breathtaking as it is informative." (Publishers Weekly)

Ingo Arndt is a world-renowned nature photographer. His photographs regularly appear in magazines such as *National Geographic*, *GEO*, and *BBC Wildlife*. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the World Press Photo Award, and he has been awarded five times at the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition.

I love words. However, there is nothing quite like a picture to really get across something unique. Hence my fascination with picture books that take me places and show me things that I would never be able to experience on my own. "Animal Architecture" is one such book and it is, to put it bluntly, amazingstunningawesomewood. That word really does exist. Mostly so I could talk about this book. Ingo Arndt has gathered together some amazing examples of structures built by non-human animals. There are termite mounds, bird nests, beaver dams and structures you've never even heard of but now must know more about. Arndt does an outstanding job of finding just the right picture, from just the right viewpoint, with just the right lighting to sincerely showcase every single structure in the book. This immediately went to pride of place on my living-room table so I can show it off to anyone who comes into the house. Definitely worth the money and worth the time you'll spend lingering over every gorgeous photograph.

This is a book for anyone interested in the homes animals make for themselves. There are plenty of bird's nests, but also a number of other animals that we don't normally think of as builders. The photographs of animal creations are stunning, and I was awed by the skill of some of these little creators working without hands. You will find yourself going back again to this book to have another look. Imagine fields full of flat, eight or more feet tall termite towers, all oriented the same way, so that their narrow edges face the sun at midday. Or little Caddis fly larvae making small tubes for themselves to live in safely, and almost invisibly, out of whatever they can find in their underwater environment. Incidentally, children love this book.

Absolutely STUNNING! Beautiful photos of the most AMAZING structures made by those we consider "animals and lesser than us." Personally, I couldn't make/duplicate a one of them. My only gripe, which is a publishing issue, is the use of GREY and THIN font on White paper. Give the reader a break; if you want thinner, plainer font, at least keep it Black!

This is a beautifully written and photographed book. The houses made by animals, birds, mollusks, and insects are testament to the intelligence and creativity of sentient beings and to the wonder of nature. These homes are the most profound creations. I really recommend this book. It is put together so eloquently. It is a real escape and pleasure to read.

Saw this in the Wall Street Journal and loved what I read. Purchased for us but will likely end up with my grandson. Very informative and beautifully written and photographed. Can be enjoyed at

any age.

Perfect

A beautifully detailed photo book full of interesting constructions by many types of animals. It was a Christmas present for my husband and I enjoyed it as much as he did.

This is a beautiful book! I gave it to a middle school science teacher. She will use it with her students.

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