

The Illustrated Compendium Of Amazing Animal Fact

Behold the 300 Ugliest Words in the English Language! J. R. R. Tolkien once said that cellar door is the most beautiful phrase in the English language; since then it has received quite a bit of attention from poets and linguists. But what of the ugly words? This delightfully humorous volume celebrates the words that make people gag and cover their ears. Too long have these atrocious utterances gone unrecognized, nay, shunned from society. No longer! The Illustrated Compendium of Ugly English Words pays homage to the 300 worst words in existence, such as: Amazeballs (noun): The public's opinion on this word can be perfectly encapsulated by a recent Slate article titled "Who coined amazeballs and why do they hate humanity?" Chunky (adjective): Chunky (meaning "lumpy") is a word so vile, it can make even the most pleasant image sound disgusting. Let's try. Chunky flower. Chunky chocolate milk. Chunky Jonathan Van Ness. See? Moist (adjective): Slightly or moderately wet; damp; the linguistic equivalent of stepping in a lukewarm puddle in socks and feeling the water ooze between your toes with every step thereafter. Rural (adjective): Meaning "of the countryside," rural's definition is not actually gross. Its foulness stems more from its pronunciation, which forces the speaker to make a noise akin to the grunt of a zombie. Worm (noun): Any type of burrowing, elongated invertebrate with a soft, limbless body. (Is that a description of a real creature or a monster from a nightmare video game? Hard to say.) What makes these words ugly? It's the nature of the word's meaning, the pre-existing association the reader has with the word, or the sound and look of the word—or all three! The Illustrated Compendium of Ugly English Words catalogues the ugliness from A to Z, along with each word's pronunciation guide, definition, and origin, plus quotes demonstrating usage. Illustrations on nearly every page of this hardcover make it both a hilarious reference book and the ideal gift for anyone who can't stand the sound of words like acrid, panties, gubernatorial, ointment, and squirt. More than anything, though, this compendium can be used as a reminder that, despite all of our differences, deep down we all share the same hopes, the same dreams, and the same primal hatred for the terms that make us go, "Ugh, why would you even say that?!" Proceed at your own risk!

New York Times bestseller • 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? Or that a group of owls is called a

parliament, or that they have three eyelids? Sea otters hold hands in their sleep, bees never sleep, and penguins laugh when they're tickled! This charming compendium contains over 100 pages of fascinating facts about the animal kingdom illustrated with whimsical detail.

Explore eighty of the world's greatest myths and characters, from the gods of Greek mythology to the Norse heroes, retold and explained with engaging text and bold graphics. From early creation stories to classical hero narratives and the recurring theme of the afterlife, experience each myth and unravel the meanings behind the stories, getting to the heart of the importance of mythology to different cultures worldwide. More than just stories, myths are a testament to the amazing creativity of humans striving to explain and make sense of the world around them. Here you will discover Zeus, god of the sky and ruler of the Olympian gods, and Loki, the cunning trickster with a knack for causing havoc, aided by his ability to change shape and gender. Beyond the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greek, Roman, and Norse myths, this book delves into the stories of the Australian aborigines, the Cherokee, and the Aztecs, each brimming with amazing characters and insights into human existence. This newest title in the bestselling Big Ideas series pairs engaging visual style with global coverage of world myths - profiling everything from the well-known tales of the Greeks, Norsemen, and Egyptians to the legends of the Caribbean, the Americas, Oceania, and East Asia - bringing the wisdom of the ages to life. The Illustrated Compendium of Weirdly Specific Words is an illustrated dictionary of the 300+ most specific words in the English language, along with their definitions, roots, and (hilarious) usage quotes! Have you ever been lying in your bed, surrounded by crumbs and wrappers, feasting on your fifth pop tart and thought, "I wish there was a word for this"? Well, there is! Accubationis - the practice of eating and drinking while lying down. The English language is populated by many words that have a regular place in everyday conversation, and The Illustrated Compendium of Weirdly Specific Words celebrates these words by featuring definitions, origins and usage, and coupling illustrations. Words include: Badling (noun) - a group of ducks. Crapulence (noun) - sickness resulting from eating too much. Guddle (verb) - fishing only with your hands. Kaiju (noun) - A film genre characterized by giant, terrifying monsters. Slugabed (noun) - A lazy person who stays in bed late. Wegotism (noun) - The excessive use of the word 'we'. With more than 300 insanely specific words, you'd think that you would know a few of them, right? Well, think again! We're willing to wager that you don't know a single one of these words! Unless, of course, you have a special interest in the smell of horse

urine (the word for that particular odor is jumentuous). The Illustrated Compendium of Weirdly Specific Words not only captures these words through equally specific illustrations, it also tells you what they mean! And like so many great reference books before it, it is organized in alphabetical order, from aglet to zopissa. Readers will close this book a little bit smarter than they were when they picked it up!

500 Wild Facts!

Amazing Animal Facts Postcards

All My Friends Are Dead

Shahnameh

The Illustrated Compendium of Essential Modern Slang

Learn to Hear What's Left Unsaid

The Language of Flowers

*From the New York Times bestselling author of *Lost in Translation* and *Eating the Sun*, a charming illustrated collection of more than fifty expressions from around the globe that explores the nuances of language. From the hilarious and romantic to the philosophical and literal, the idioms, proverbs, and adages in this illustrated collection address the nuances of language in the form of sayings from around the world. From the French idiom “to pedal in the sauerkraut” (meaning, “to spin your wheels”), to the Japanese idiom “even monkeys fall from trees” (meaning, “even experts can be wrong”), *The Illustrated Book of Sayings* reveals the remarkable diversity, humor, and poignancy of the world’s languages and cultures.*

*Have you ever found yourself wondering what we might have in common with stars or why the Moon never leaves us? Thinking about the precise dancing of planets, the passing of time or the nature of natural things? Our world is full of unshakeable mystery, and although we live in a civilisation more complicated than ever, there is beauty and reassurance to be found in knowing how and why. From the New York Times bestselling creator of *Lost in Translation*, *A Small Illustrated Guide to the Universe* is a delicately existential and welcoming exploration of the cosmos - one that examines and marvels at the astonishing principles, laws, and phenomena that we exist alongside, that surround us.*

"Housed in a keepsake box and arranged, much like a recipe box or card catalog, in tabbed sections (air, forest, sea, etc) this new format postcard box lets the user share all the curious knowledge and amazing artwork that makes Maja's book so special. From the Otters (they hold hands when they sleep in the water so they don't float away from each other!) to the elephant (mother elephant pregnancies last two years!) each postcard presents a unique look at the animal kingdom that will delight and astound. 50 postcards; 25 designs repeating, printed on toothy uncoated stock, with the animal's biological classification on the back."

*From anglerfish to zebras--500 awesome animal facts for kids ages 9 to 12 Frogs and foxes, scorpions and sharks--*The Fascinating Animal Book for Kids* has it all! This animal encyclopedia includes 500 amazing animal facts that offer hours of engaging learning. Alongside full-color pictures on every page, you'll find weird and wonderful details about Magnificent Mammals, Creepy Crawlies, Amazing Amphibians, Feathered Friends, and more. This standout among animal books for kids is ideal for any boy or girl who is wild about animals! Learn fantastic facts like: Today's golden hamsters are all descendants of a single hamster family that lived in Syria around 1930. Ant-eating ant mimicking spiders pretend to be ants by raising two of their eight legs so they look like ant antennae. A glass lizard looks like a snake, but it is actually a lizard with an extra-long tail--and no legs. When you're looking for kids books ages 9-12, this is the perfect choice to learn about animals--and have a whole bunch of fun!*

An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments

An Illustrated Compendium of Adhesive Ephemera

Other-Wordly

A Small Illustrated Guide to the Universe

Including Bumbledom, Jumentous, Spaghettification, and More

Amazing Animal Facts

An Illustrated Book of Loaded Language

Have you ever wondered how to capture a swarm of bees? Predict the weather by the clouds? And just how do you darn a pair of socks, anyway? Anyone curious about the myriad ways people have taught themselves to make, grow, and build things will find everything they've ever wondered about in this colorful, inviting volume. With dozens of useful and intriguing visual tutorials selected from Storey's extensive library of how-to books, you can learn how to carve a turkey, create a butterfly garden, set up a dog agility course, keep a nature sketchbook, navigate by the stars, and more. Whether you plan to "do it yourself" or just love reading about how things are done, this rich compendium will educate, fascinate, spark conversation, and inspire new hobbies and experiences.

Discover words to surprise, delight, and enamor. Learn terms for the sunlight that filters through the leaves of trees, for dancing awkwardly but with relish, and for the look shared by two people who each wish the other would speak first. Other-Wordly is an irresistible ebook for lovers of words and those lost for words alike.

With gorgeous full-color illustrations, ornate decorative elements, lettering in metallic ink, and engaging text, *The Language of Flowers: A Fully Illustrated Compendium of Meaning, Literature, and Lore for the Modern Romantic* is a treasure for flower lovers. A sumptuous, contemporary anthology of 50 of the world's most storied and popular flowers, each of its entries offers insight to the meaning associated with the flower, and is a fascinating mix of folklore, classic mythology, literature, botanical information and popular culture. Following an introduction that provides a short history of the language of flowers, a fad which reached its peak during the reign of Queen Victoria, each uniquely illustrated and designed entry is an enjoyable read full of history and little-known facts. Here is the story of Tulipmania; how the pansy got its "face," and why the

most particular pollination process of a certain orchid has made the vanilla bean a very dear commodity. You'll also discover how Christian Dior's passion for lily of the valley inspired his classic perfume Diorissimo and its extraordinary bottle; why Oscar Wilde had a penchant for wearing green carnations in his lapel; and how Greeks and Romans believed snapdragons could ward off witchcraft, so they planted them at entryways to their homes. With more than a dozen two-page paintings evoking the romance of noteworthy Victorian gardens and symbolic bouquets, a cross-referenced index of flowers and meanings, and suggestions for further reading, this book is a must for lovers of floriology and Victoriana.

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.

Curious Expressions from Around the World

The Persian Book of Kings

The Illustrated Histories of Everyday Inventions

The Complete Step-By-Step Guide to Magic, with More Than 375 Fun and Simple-To-Learn Tricks

The Illustrated Compendium of Weirdly Specific Words

a curious question for every day of the year

Do Animals Fall in Love?

I wrote a book about you. (No, really. I did. You're holding it.)

From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast *Stuff You Should Know* comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant started the podcast *Stuff You Should Know* back in 2008 because they were curious—curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only curious ones. They've since amassed a rabid fan base, making *Stuff You Should Know* one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about

and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with *Stuff You Should Know*. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers).

During the first eight years of its existence, *Little White Lies* magazine has published countless interviews with some of the biggest names in the movies. Yet staff and collaborators have all been encouraged to round-off these interviews by posing a single, searching question: 'What do you love about movies?' The answers have been entertaining, profound, personal, ridiculous, revealing and unexpected, but always unique. Now, for the first time, these declarations of movie passion have been collected into the ultimate one-stop celebration of cinema, with subjects including legendary directors (Francis Ford Coppola, the Coen brothers, Wes Anderson, Steven Soderbergh, Pedro Almodóvar, Darren Aronofsky, Quentin Tarantino, Spike Jonze), as well as A-list icons (Ryan Gosling, Michael Fassbender, Kristen Stewart, Jake Gyllenhaal, Tom Hardy). Alongside these star-spangled testimonies are newly commissioned illustrations and immaculate art direction care of the award-winning *LWLies* creative team.

With hilariously yucky ABCs, *The Yuckiest Alphabet Book in the World* celebrates a love for everything muddy, messy, icky, and gooey! Learning the alphabet has never been yuckier! This colorful, cringey collection cycles through each letter of the alphabet, pairing the ABCs with wonderfully yucky words and hilarious imagery to create an icky-sticky fun tour of our weird little language. Prepare your stomach (and your brain) for combinations like... A is for apple, rotten and wormy B is for boogie, bright green and germy C is for candy, stuck to your hair D is for dragon, breathing stinky fire everywhere Y is for yak, drooling and stinky Zzzzzz is for bedtime, and bedtime is YUCKY! Let this book be a resource for your kids and a reading activity for the whole family! Organized from atrocious A to zany Z and decked out with illustrations that are bound to turn your tummy, *The Yuckiest Alphabet Book in the World* is the perfect balance of yuck and yay! Just look at the cover: draped in striped, brightly colored fur, this book boasts a "so-ugly-its-cute" aesthetic that would look good on any bookshelf or nursery. But it's not what's on the outside that counts...it's what's on the inside, which is why we've opted for sturdy board pages for this colorful kids' book. Revisit the fun of learning with this whimsical exploration of the English language.

The Fascinating Animal Book for Kids

Weird & Wild Animal Facts

words both strange and lovely from around the world

A Fully Illustrated Compendium of Meaning, Literature, and Lore for the Modern Romantic

The Antiquarian Sticker Book

Everything Icky, Slimy, Messy, and Gooey from A to Z!

Including Cray, Lit, Basic, and More

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. "An absolute delight" - David Walliams "One of the best kids books I have ever had the pleasure of reading" - Pandora Sykes A collection of 366 curious questions asked by children from around the world, based on the award-winning podcast by original QI Elf, Molly Oldfield. How much bamboo can a giant panda eat? Do aliens exist? What we would do if we didn't have a prime minister? Why do hammerhead sharks have such strange-shaped heads? Find out the answers to these curious questions and much, much more! Ponder where ideas come from with award-winning illustrator, Rob Biddulph. Find out why you taste things differently when you have a cold with Michelin star chef, Heston Blumenthal. Learn about everything from how astronauts see in the dark to what the biggest dinosaur was with experts from the Natural History Museum. Fascinating facts are accompanied by gorgeous illustrations making the perfect gift for Christmas. Whether you read a question a day, or dip into it whenever you are feeling curious, this is a book to treasure and share all year round.

Illustrated by Momoko Abe, Kelsey Buzzell, Beatrice Cerocchi, Alice Courtley, Sandra de la Prada, Grace Easton, Manuela Montoya Escobar, Richard Jones, Lisa Koesterke, Gwen Millward, Sally Mullaney, and Laurie Stansfield. Praise for Everything Under the Sun: 'Trivia fans will relish Everything Under the Sun' - The Guardian "A wonderful gift for families" - Evening Standard "This is a book to treasure all year round" - My Baba "As cute as it is educational" - Babyccino Kids "A wonderful collection of 366 curious questions about everything from science to nature, dinosaurs to space" - Scottish Sun "Simply mesmerising compendium" - Waterstones "An illustrated, humorous guide to verbal and written rhetorical tricks, teaching readers to more competently analyze the hidden content behind words"--

"This book is mainly focused on the recent achievements and applications in the field of control and analysis for complex systems with a special emphasis on how to solve various control design and/or observer design problems for nonlinear systems, interconnected systems, and singular systems and involves modeling, non-ideal systems and applications, synchronization, and control for nonlinear systems, such as mechanical, electrical, electromechanical, mechatronic, and very complex systems"--

Curiositree: Natural World

I Wrote a Book About You

Stuff You Should Know

Storey's Curious Compendium of Practical and Obscure Skills

214 Things You Can Actually Learn How to Do

Handbook of Research on Modeling, Analysis, and Control of Complex Systems

What I Love about Movies

Have you read (or stumbled into) one too many irrational online debates? Ali Almosawi certainly had, so he wrote *An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments!* This handy guide is here to bring the internet age a much needed dose of old-school logic (really old-school, a la Aristotle). Here are cogent explanations of the straw man fallacy, the slippery slope argument, the ad hominem attack, and other common attempts at reasoning that fall short – plus a beautifully drawn menagerie of animals who (adorably) commit every logical faux pas. Rabbit thinks a strange light in the sky must be a UFO because no one can prove otherwise (the appeal to ignorance). And Lion doesn't believe that gas emissions harm the planet because, if that were true, he wouldn't like the result (the argument from consequences). Once you learn to recognise these abuses of reason, they start to crop up everywhere from parliamentary debate to YouTube comments – which makes this geek-chic book a must for anyone in the habit of holding opinions. It's the antidote to fuzzy thinking, with furry animals!

A unique compendium of the most important and widespread soils of Australia and their associated landscapes.

A whimsically illustrated collection of fascinating, surprising, and funny facts about baby animals and their parents, from the author of *The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts*. Who doesn't love baby animals? *Amazing Facts About Baby Animals* is an adorable celebration of all kinds of fuzzy, fluffy, scaly, and feathery animal babies and their parents. This charming collection by beloved Swedish artist Maja Säfström is full of interesting, weird, and funny facts about animals before they are born (elephants are pregnant for 22 months!), when they are born (whales are born tail-first so they don't drown!), and life as babies (parrots give their offspring names! Baby macaques have snowball fights!). Perfect for art- and nature-loving kids and adults, this sweet book makes a wonderful gift and conversation starter for the whole family.

Who doesn't love baby animals?

The Illustrated Book of Sayings

The Mythology Book

Australian Soils and Landscapes

Baby Animals!: Amazing Adorable Facts

A Visual Compendium of Wonders from Nature - Jacket unfolds into a huge wall poster!

An Incomplete Compendium of Mostly Interesting Things

An Illustrated Compendium of Untranslatable Words

The Illustrated Histories of Everyday Inventions uncovers the fascinating, humorous, and often unbelievable origins behind the world's most overlooked innovations! Nobody knows the backstories behind our most taken-for-granted inventions, like credit cards, egg cartons, windshield wipers, and breakfast sandwiches! But the strange and wonderful origins of these inventions are far from ordinary: They are rooted in forgotten history. Inside this hardcover book, discover the extraordinary true stories of: the TOASTER — actually the best thing before sliced bread the PASSPORT — the original Facebook the TOOTHBRUSH — so much more than bamboo + hog bristles the PIZZA SAVER — no pie left behind since 1985 SLICED BREAD — at first, no one wanted it and MANY, MANY MORE of history's most influential discoveries! Organized chronologically from 75,000 B.C. to today and illustrated with more than 200 pieces of original artwork, The Illustrated Histories of Everyday Inventions is as beautiful as it is entertaining and informative. Discover who invented BATHING, why some of the first-ever BEDS were naturally mosquito-repellant, how president Theodore Roosevelt's encounter with a black bear inspired the TEDDY BEAR, and why SELFIE STICKS might be older than you think!

Learn the secrets of conjuring tricks from the expert, shown in 2500 clear photographs.

A captivating, beautifully illustrated, one-of-a-kind color compendium of the flowers, fruits, herbs, trees, seeds, and grasses cited in the works of the world's greatest playwright, William Shakespeare, accompanied by their companion quotes from all of his plays and poems. With a foreword by Dame Helen Mirren—the first foreword she has ever contributed. In this striking compilation, Shakespeare historian Gerit Quealy and respected Japanese artist Sumié Hasegawa combine their knowledge and skill in this first and only book that examines every plant that appears in the works of Shakespeare. Botanical Shakespeare opens with a brief look at the Bard's relationship to the plants mentioned in his works—a diversity that illuminates his knowledge of the science of botany, as well as the colloquy, revealing his unmatched skill for creating metaphorical connections and interweaving substantive philosophy. At the heart of the book are "portraits" of the over 170 flowers, fruits, grains, grasses, trees, herbs, seeds and vegetables that Shakespeare mentions in his plays and poems. Botanical Shakespeare features a gorgeous color illustration of each, giving a "face" to the name, alongside the specific text in which it appears and the character(s) who utter the lines in which it is mentioned. This fascinating visual compendium also includes a dictionary describing each plant—such as Eglantine, a wild rose with a slight prickle, cherished for its singular scent, superior to any other rose; and the difference between apples and apple-john—along with indices listing the botanical by play/poem, by character, and genus for easy reference, ideal for gardeners and thoughtful birthday gift-giving. This breathtaking, incomparable collection of exquisite artwork and companion quotes offers unique depth and insight into Shakespeare and his timeless work through the unusual perspective of the plants themselves.

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.

Including Phlegm, Chunky, Moist, and More

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The Illustrated Compendium of Ugly English Words

Amazing Islands: 100+ Places That Will Boggle Your Mind

50 Postcards

Animals of a Bygone Era

Uses a question and answer format to present information about many different Mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, insects, and fish.

The Illustrated Compendium of Essential Modern Slang is an illustrated dictionary of the zaniest jargon, including everything from ankle-biter to zazzy! Complete with definitions, roots, and absurd usage quotes, these 300+ words are sure to make you go, "What does that mean?" What do your grandmother, your math teacher, your soccer coach, and your booger of a brother all have in common? They all have used slang at some point in their lives! Whether they were getting "jiggy" with it in the '90s or raving about the "cat's pajamas" in the '20s, everyone has experienced the joy that comes with these coded exchanges. In this illustrated volume, we'll take a walk down memory lane, exploring the best, worst, and most lit terms that have ever graced the pages of the English dictionary. Need an example? We've got plenty—300+ to be exact!—including: Canary (noun): a female singer, the likes of which you might find "chirping" along at the front of the jazzy musical group that your mom hired for your bat mitzvah. Greaser (noun): a tough guy who is as slick as the hair products that he soaks his fro' in. Tubular (adjective): breathtaking, like the wave the dad who said it is probably cruising on. Bounce (verb): to leave quickly and suddenly before anyone can hear you use the word bounce. Tea (noun): The hot goss that your friend's been holding onto, like a literal cup of burning tea she's waiting to toss in your face when the time is right. The Illustrated Compendium of Essential Modern Slang is jam-packed with "dope" slang words, their origin stories, hilarious usage quotes, and a pronunciation guide so you can properly enunciate that funny word that no one understands. From millennial jargon to Gen Z lingo, this comprehensive collection of modern slang is sure to make you go cray (in a good way).

A fact-filled, colourful celebration of island life, achievements and diversity Discover 100 of the planet's most magical islands -

their wildlife, trees, diversity, people, treasures and more - in this beautifully illustrated book. Islands are amazing. On the Galapagos islands, Charles Darwin learnt how bird species evolved over time. In China, there is a natural island that is home to an incredible giant bookshop. On the Norwegian island of Svalbard, there is a vault built into the mountainside that contains seeds of the world's food plants to protect them in the event of a global crisis. South Georgia Island in the Atlantic Ocean has seen many scientific expeditions, including the journey of Sir Ernest Shackleton... There is lots more to discover in this stunning book that celebrates island life, achievements and diversity.

"An enchanting book" Joanna Lumley "Full of amazing facts and beautiful clear illustrations. A book to inspire the young and indeed the old!" Alison Steadman "Will not fail to ignite young imaginations" David Lindo Full of stunning illustrations and incredible facts, My Book of Birds is a glorious celebration of birds. From majestic golden eagles and snowy owls to brilliant red crossbills and puffins to the tiniest of hummingbirds, the book covers them all. Meet cormorants that can dive underwater for up to 30 seconds at a time, and ptarmigans whose feathers turn completely white in winter, so they can blend in with their snowy habitat. Beautifully designed, and with a debossed wibalin cover, this is an ideal gift for bird lovers of all ages! If you've loved Beautiful Birds, or The Genius of Birds, or Bill Bailey's Remarkable Guide to British Birds, then you'll love this. Incredible collage illustrations from Geraldo Valério show a variety of feathered creatures in their natural habitats as they hunt for food, impress their mates, nest and care for their young. The concise, accessible text is ideal for children aged six and above, and provides information ranging from clever techniques for finding food to remarkable physical features to fascinating behaviours. But above all, Geraldo Valério shares his passion for birds in this lovingly created album, inspiring young readers with their beauty and the excitement of discovery. Includes an introduction, glossary, index and sources for further information.

Everything Under the Sun

Lost in Translation

The Illustrated Compendium of Magic Tricks

An Illustrated Compendium of all the Flowers, Fruits, Herbs, Trees, Seeds, and Grasses Cited by the World's Greatest Playwright

The Yuckiest Alphabet Book in the World

The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of 'Ugly' Animals

Botanical Shakespeare

Beavers stay loyal for life. Scorpions attract their partners with a romantic dance. Male humpback whales sing together for days at a time to bring females from many miles away. This illustrated compendium is based on questions asked by children in sexuality education classes. It is frank, humorous, and with something to amaze on every page, including seduction methods, physiology and mating, the most devoted fathers in the animal kingdom, and the sweetest animal babies on Earth.

A beautifully illustrated collection of fascinating, surprising, and funny facts about extinct animals. In the past, amazing and strange animals roamed the earth, including giant sea scorpions, tiny horses, enormous sloths, and fierce "terror birds." These and many more fantastic extinct animals are illustrated in this whimsical collection by Swedish artist Maja Säfström.

The definitive translation by Dick Davis of the great national epic of Iran—now newly revised and expanded to be the most complete English-language edition A Penguin Classic Dick Davis— “ our pre-eminent translator from the Persian ” (The Washington Post)—has revised and expanded his acclaimed translation of Ferdowsi ’ s masterpiece, adding more than 100 pages of newly translated text. Davis ’ s elegant combination of prose and verse allows the poetry of the Shahnameh to sing its own tales directly, interspersed sparingly with clearly marked explanations to ease along modern readers. Originally composed for the Samanid princes of Khorasan in the tenth century, the Shahnameh is among the greatest works of world literature. This prodigious narrative tells the story of pre-Islamic Persia, from the mythical creation of the world and the dawn of Persian civilization through the seventh-century Arab conquest. The stories of the Shahnameh are deeply embedded in Persian culture and beyond, as attested by their appearance in such works as The Kite Runner and the love poems of Rumi and Hafez. For more than sixty-five years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,500 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR, INDIE BOOK AWARDS 2020 Marvel as you enter the fascinating hidden world of ugly animals in this encyclopaedia of the animal kingdom's most unusual and and so-called 'ugly' species. It's time to see ugliness in a whole new light! With more than sixty animals to explore, this compendium of the unusual celebrates the beauty in 'ugliness'. Children and adults alike will pore over the breathtaking scientific illustrations of unusual animals, discovering why these animals developed such extraordinary features and learning about science and nature along the way. Featuring illustrations and facts about the thorniest species the animal kingdom has to offer, from the naked mole rat to the goblin shark, aye-aye, blobfish and many more. This gorgeous hardcover book is illustrated in exquisite detail by debut artist Sami Bayly.

Big Ideas Simply Explained

An Illustrated Compendium

From the New York Times bestselling author

The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts

Discover the True Stories Behind the World's 64 Most Overlooked Innovations

My Book of Birds

Did you know that the Japanese have a word to express the way sunlight filters through the leaves of trees? Or, that there's a Swedish word that means a traveller's particular sense of anticipation before a trip? Lost in Translation, a New York Times bestseller, brings the nuanced beauty of language to life with over 50 beautiful ink illustrations. The words and definitions range from the lovely, such as goya, the Urdu word to describe the transporting suspension of belief that can occur in good storytelling, to the funny, like the Malay word pisanzapra, which translates as 'the time needed to eat a banana'. This is a collection full of surprises that will make you savour the wonderful, elusive, untranslatable words that make up a language.

A first introduction to the natural world that looks at the myriad ways in which plants and animals have adapted to give themselves the best chance of survival. Natural World explores and explains why living things look and behave the way they do in a series of visually compelling information charts.

Shares illustrations of animals that once roamed the Earth, including the coryphodon, megalodon, and macrauchenia.--Worldcat.