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Let's Go Birding

An Interactive Beginner's Guide to Birdwatching (with 45 activities)

Monta Hernon

Selling points:

- Inspires kids to explore nature and wildlife.
- Turns birdwatching into fun, hands-on science.
- Encourages curiosity and outdoor discovery.
- Perfect for families and classrooms.
- Great gift for budding naturalists.
- Perfect for kids ages 6– 10.

Grab your binoculars—your birding adventure starts now! Let's Go Birding is the ultimate hands-on guide for kids who want to discover the amazing world of birds. Packed with 45 interactive activities, this book turns backyards and parks into wild places waiting to be explored.

From games like Bird Bingo and Birding Charades to experiments like Sound Maps and Build-a-Bird, plus crafts like Backyard Feeders and Nesting Boxes, every page invites kids to observe, wonder, and connect with nature. Whether spotting robins on a sidewalk, counting hummingbirds during migration, or sketching a dream birding trip, this book transforms learning into real-life science adventures.

Perfect for curious explorers, outdoor families, and anyone who's ever asked, "What bird is that?"—this guide makes birdwatching fun, educational, and unforgettable.

- 45 interactive birding activities for kids.
- Games, experiments, and crafts included.
- Freeform pages for notes and sketches.
- Kid-friendly design with bright illustrations.
- Ideal for backyard or park adventures.
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About the author: Monta Hernon works as a communications manager and is an experienced freelance writer who focuses on business, technology, and culture. With decades in journalism, editing, and creative storytelling, she crafts content for a wide range of audiences.

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Also in the *Decide and Survive* series



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Decide & Survive

Gladiators

Can You Escape the Colosseum

Danielle Higley and Sona & Jacob

Selling points:

- **History comes alive through exciting, hands-on storytelling**
- **Choices matter-every decision leads to new outcomes.**
- **Interactive format turns reading into an adventure.**
- **Multiple endings mean endless fun and discovery.**
- **Combines entertainment with educational value.**
- **Perfect for kids ages 8 – 10.**

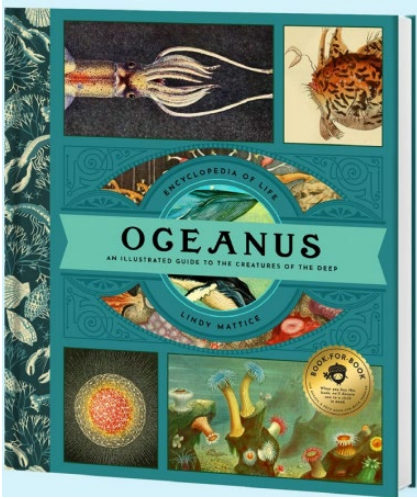
Step into the roaring crowds of the Colosseum and take control of history! This thrilling interactive book lets readers guide an 11-year-old hero through gladiator training, epic battles, and secret plots-all while uncovering the fascinating world of ancient Rome. Every choice you make changes the story ... and even how history unfolds.

Packed with authentic details about Roman life-how gladiators trained, what emperors demanded, and how legions fought-this book combines action with education in the way kids love. With multiple story paths and surprising twists, it's an adventure they'll want to experience again and again.

- **Interactive Adventure:** Readers choose the hero's path through ancient Rome.
- **Action-Packed Storylines:** From gladiator arenas to battlefield glory.
- **Authentic Roman Facts:** Real history woven into every twist and turn.
- **Multiple Outcomes:** Dozens of endings for maximum engagement.
- **Series Favorite:** Sixth book in the acclaimed series.

About the author: Danielle Higley is the author of six acclaimed interactive history books for kids. Her work blends action with authentic detail, earning praise from educators and readers for making history engaging and accessible. She lives in Idaho. Visit her at <https://www.daniellehigley.com>.

Pub date: June 2026; **Binding:** paperback; **ISBN:** 978-1638193241; **trim size:** 5.5 x 8.5; **page count:** 144; 25 black-and-white illustrations **Price:** \$9.99; **Imprint:** Bushel & Peck



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Oceanus

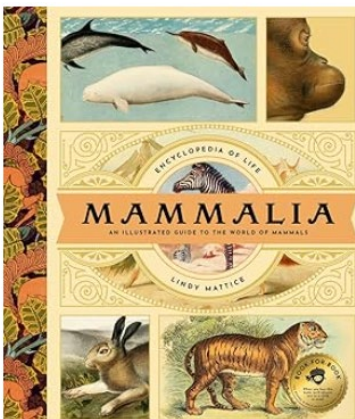
An Illustrated Guide to Creatures of the Deep
Lindy Mattice

Selling points:

- 125+ Ocean Creatures: From familiar favorites to rare and exotic species. 200 full-color vintage illustrations
- Hundreds of Vintage Illustrations: Gorgeous, historically significant artwork.
- Comprehensive Classification: Facts, charts, and taxonomic trees included.
- For ages 9- 12.
- Series Continuation: Second book in the Encyclopedia of Life collection.



Also by Lindy Mattice

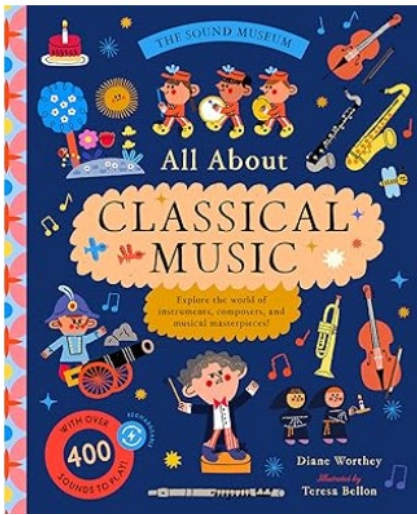


Dive into the deep and discover a world of wonder! Oceanus is a breathtaking visual encyclopedia celebrating the incredible diversity of ocean creatures. Featuring more than 125 fascinating species and hundreds of vintage zoological illustrations, this stunning guide brings the beauty and science of aquatic life to your fingertips.

Across more than 140 pages, readers will explore the fish class in all its glory—from shimmering reef dwellers to mysterious deep-sea giants. Each page combines enchanting artwork from some of history's most accomplished zoological artists with modern insights, charts, and taxonomic trees. Written by Lindy Mattice, acclaimed author of *How to Speak Animal* and *Mammalia*, this book is as informative as it is visually captivating.

Perfect for ocean enthusiasts, animal lovers, and collectors of beautiful reference books, Oceanus is the second volume in the Encyclopedia of Life series—a gift-worthy treasure that belongs on every nature lover's shelf.

About the author: Lindy Mattice is a natural history writer and illustrator passionate about wildlife education. Author of *How to Speak Animal* and *Mammalia*, she blends scientific accuracy with vintage artistry to create visually stunning, informative books that inspire curiosity about the animal kingdom.



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The Sound Museum

Explore the World of Instruments, Composers, and Symphonies
with Over 400 Sounds Home

Diane Worthey and Theresa Bellon

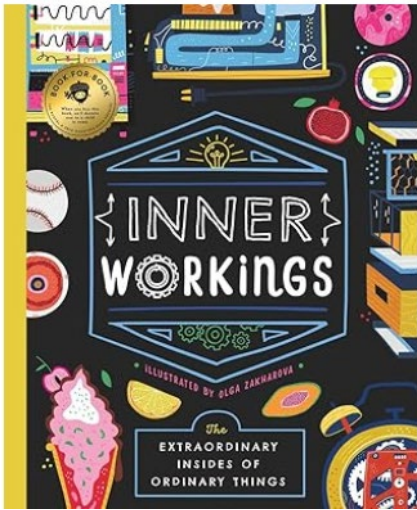
Selling points:

- **Over 400 Sounds!** Hear instruments, voices, and musical terms come alive.
- **Explore Every Instrument Family** with interactive audio clips.
- **Meet Legendary Composers** and enjoy dozens of iconic masterpieces.
- **Learn Music Theory** through fun, kid-friendly examples.
- **Rechargeable Design**-eco-friendly, no batteries needed.
- **Strike up the orchestra**-your journey into the world of classical music begins here! This groundbreaking interactive book brings the magic of music to life with over 400 push-button sounds, letting kids hear instruments, voices, and famous masterpieces as they explore.
- **For children ages 4 – 8.**

Discover every instrument family-from the bright trill of a flute to the deep resonance of a cello-and listen to choral voices soar. Explore the great composers, from Bach to Beethoven, and experience iconic works that shaped musical history. Kids will also learn the language of music theory-tempo, dynamics, and more-with sound clips that illustrate every term, making complex ideas fun and easy to understand.

Packed with vivid illustrations, fascinating facts, and an orchestra's worth of sound at your fingertips, this book is perfect for curious listeners and budding musicians. Best of all, it's fully rechargeable-no batteries to replace or throw away! Written by classical musician Diane Worthey, this immersive guide offers a front-row seat to the most exciting classical music tour ever created for kids.

About the author: Teresa Bellón studied illustration in Madrid. She's exhibited her work and illustrated acclaimed children's books and series like *My Little Green World*, collaborating with publishers including Pan Macmillan. **Diane Worthey** is a classical musician and educator passionate about making music accessible to young learners. She has performed with symphony orchestras and taught music for over 20 years. Visit her at <https://dianeworthey.blog>.



Inner Workings

The Extraordinary Insides of Everyday Things
Peter Hinkley and Olga Zakhova

Budding young inventors, engineers, and sciences will love this one-of-a-kind STEM book for curious young minds!

“The creative approach to showcasing technology and nature, however, will get kids thinking and asking questions about the world around them. VERDICT A good introduction to STEM topics that will increase critical thinking skills and vocabulary.”—*School Library Journal*

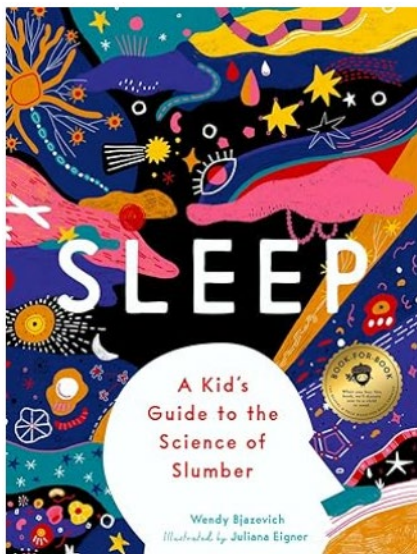
What would you find if you cut a pocket watch, fireworks, a golf ball, a beehive, or even a merry-go-round in half? Something extraordinary, of course! In *Inner Workings: The Extraordinary Insides of Ordinary Things*, curious minds will get an inside look—literally—at the remarkable structures and mechanisms inside everyday objects with bold, cross-section illustrations of toilets, ice cream machines, Rubiks cubes, calculators, pool tables, bowling alleys, food, vending machines, and so much more!



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About the author: Peter Hinkley is a writer who lives in California. Olga Zakhova is an illustrator. Originally from Moscow, she now lives in Latvia



Sleep: A Kid's Guide to the Science of Sleep
By Wendy Bjzevich, illustrated by Julie Eigner

For ages 10 to 12

Sleeping is as necessary as food and water for a person to survive and thrive, and kids need to know more about it.

While experts still don't have all the answers, one fact they do know for certain is that sleep is not only important, it is essential to life! Physical, mental, and emotional health are all impacted by sleep.

The world of sleep is filled with many unanswered questions and mysteries. Though the exact physiological roles of sleep are still uncertain, researchers are confident that the body does a lot of valuable work while sleeping.

Sleep outlines everything we know about sleep in clear...and sometimes humorous...language perfect for young readers.

Topics covered include...

- the four stages of sleep (including REM sleep and Deep Sleep), their purposes, and what happens to the body during each
- sleep disorders, such as sleep apnea and narcolepsy
- how various animals sleep
- where people sleep and the types of bedding used throughout the world

About the author and illustrator: Wendy Bjzevich is also the author of *Exoplanets: A Visual Guide to the Worlds Outside Our Solar System*; and the Green and Small series. A science enthusiast, she received a B.S. in sociology and health education from Brigham Young University and a Master of Forensic Sciences from George Washington University. **Juliana Eigner** lives in Ubatuba, a small coastal town in Brazil. Since graduating with a degree in design



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My Father's Dragon Ruth Stiles Gannett, illustrations by Ruth Chrisman Gannett and Helena Perez

For ages 7 to 10

Deluxe, illustrated edition of your childhood favorite with all-new, full-color paintings!

For decades, the classic tale of *My Father's Dragon* has won the hearts of kids and adults worldwide as a Newbery-Honor book, a Netflix film, and even a play. Now, as a picture book form for the first time ever comes the enduring story of Elmer and his beloved dragon, the tangerines, the tigers and the chewing gum, the clever escape, and of course, the enduring friendship.

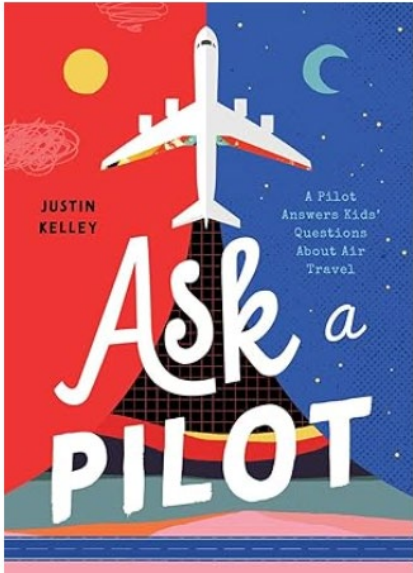
In this beautiful deluxe edition, the original text by Ruth Stiles Gannett and black and white illustrations by Ruth Chrisman Gannett are paired with exquisite new paintings by illustrator Helen Perez Garcia to create a timeless treasure that all ages will enjoy.

- The first ever illustrated picture book edition
- Beautifully bound with deluxe three-piece binding, textured finishes, and foil details
- Includes all the original text and almost all of the original art, plus new works by Helena Perez Garcia (starred-review winning illustrator)
- Newbery Honor Book
- Translated into 15 languages
- Named "Teachers' Top 100 Books for Children" by National Education Association
- Top-50 All-Time Children's Novels by School Library Journal
- Millions of copies sold!
- Netflix movie!



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Estonian, Polish, Romanian,
Spanish, Turkish**

About the author: Ruth Stiles Gannett (1923-2023) was the American author of *My Father's Dragon*, whose imaginative storytelling and timeless adventure shaped generations of young readers and remains a classic of children's literature.



Rights sold: Bulgarian, and Polish



Ask A Pilot

A Pilot Answers Kids Questions about Air Travel

Justin Kelley

Flying is fascinating, and kids have questions!

- Why don't planes hit each other in the sky?
- Do you start a plane with a key?
- Why do my ears feel funny?
- For ages 6 to 10

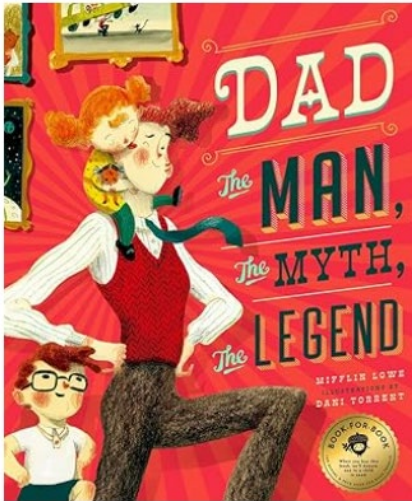
With friendly language, simple explanations, and colorful illustrations, *Ask a Pilot* is the perfect handbook for aviation lovers and nervous flyers alike!

- The perfect guide for aviation lovers and nervous flyers alike!
- Answers twenty of kids' most pressing questions about flying
- Full-color artwork throughout



About the author: Justin has been in love with aviation his entire life.

Currently, he is a captain for Horizon Air, where he flies the DHC-8-400. As a pilot, he has transported people and cargo, explored exciting places like the Alaskan territories, and instructed others how to do the same. He studied aviation at Kansas State University. Justin lives with his family in Nampa, Idaho.



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Dad: The Man, the Myth, the Legend Mifflin Lowe, illustrated by Dan Torrent

For ages 4 to 8

"Like this child, readers will want to be like this dad: able to dream big and accomplish anything."-*Kirkus Reviews*

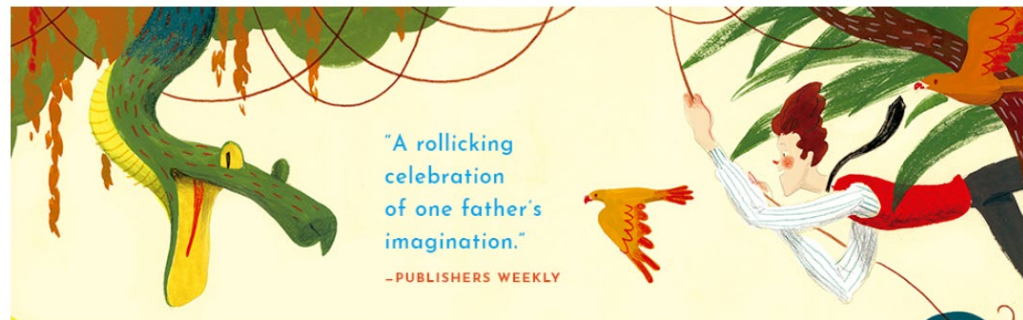
VERDICT A definite must-have for Father's Day celebrations and displays.—
School Library Journal

"This creative romp by Lowe follows a father with an apparently boundless capacity for fun, his more levelheaded wife, and their two children..A rollicking celebration of one father's imagination."-*Publishers Weekly*

He's the most interesting man in the world. He changes diapers just because he *likes* it. He's counted to infinity-*twice!* He's *stronger* than Sasquatch, *smarter* than Einstein, and he cooks a mean spaghetti with M&Ms for all your bad days. He's a myth. He's a legend. He's . . . my dad!

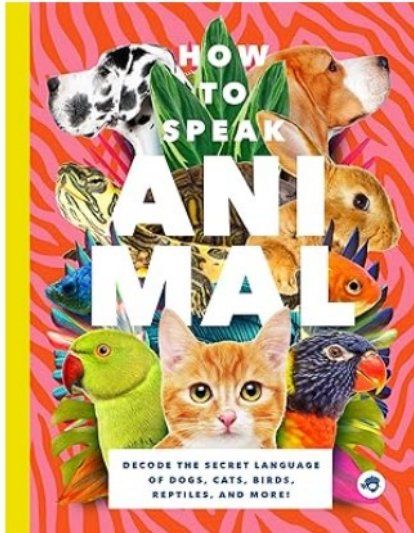


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Polish, Turkish, Spanish



About the author: Bestselling author, singer, songwriter, and musician Mifflin Lowe has had nine books published, selling over 300,000 copies in six languages. His books include a children's poetry book, *Beasts By The Bunches* (Doubleday), and three humor books for adults: *The Cheapskate's Handbook*, *I Hate Fun*, and *How To Be A Celebrity* (Price/Stern/Sloan).

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How to Speak Animal

Decode the Secret Language of Dogs, Cats, Birds, and Reptiles

Lindy Mattice

For ages 7 to 12

"Students will love learning more about the common pets featured in this title..The information is supported by large, clear, colorful photographs showing each distinct species. The animals in these pictures are so adorable that readers will end up wanting them all! Recommended"-*School Library Connection*

How to Speak Animal teaches beginners to understand pets' body language and behavior-from cats and dogs to birds, rabbits, and reptiles. With clear explanations, colorful photos, and fun facts, it helps readers decode animal signals and build better connections with their pets. Adorable images make learning irresistible.

Rights sold: Dutch, Greek, Czech & Slovak



About the author: Lindy Mattice is an author and illustrator who lives in Bakersfield, California. She is also the author of *Oceanus* and *Mammalia*



Hands on Academy: Space: Push, Pull, and Spin By David Miles

For ages 3 to 5

For every little one on your list, a 3-D book about space you can touch and move—all on your own! Help your youngest loved ones leap into STEAM and stay curious about the cosmos forever.

Don't just read about space—make it move! In *Hands-On Academy Space*, little hands will literally make solar systems spin, moons eclipse, and universes expand with wheels, tabs, flaps, and more made from sturdy, durable artcard, all while learning the fundamentals of space exploration and the mysteries of the cosmos. Bold, colorful art and simple vocabulary round out this first-of-its-kind, fully interactive STEAM book! A perfect addition to preschool shelves and early-learning programs, and a fun way to inspire STEAM (and answer tough questions!) at a time when inquisitive minds are beginning to blossom.

Topics covered include:

- The solar system
- The sun
- The moon
- The earth
- The planets
- Comets and asteroids
- Galaxies
- The universe
- Human space exploration
- What it's like in space

Part of the Hands-On Academy STEAM series, an exciting, interactive new way for young, budding minds (and hands!) to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

About the author and illustrator: David Miles is an award-winning and best-selling author and illustrator of more than forty books,. He has worked as a designer, illustrator, and creative director, and he now runs Bushel & Peck Books with his wife, Stephanie. He's been named a CYBILS Award Finalist, Publishers Weekly Star Watch Nominee, Trvst Changemaker, New York Book Show Award Winner, and Bill Fisher Award Finalist, among other accolades. He lives in Fresno, California.

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Swedish, Norwegian



Hands on Academy: Weather: Push, Pull, and Spin By David Miles

For ages 3 to 5

For every little one on your list, a 3-D book about the weather you can touch and move—all on your own! Help your youngest loved ones leap into STEAM and stay curious about the climate forever.



Don't just read about weather—make it move! In *Hands-On Academy Weather*, little hands will literally make rain fall, suns rise, and rainbows shine with wheels, tabs, flaps, and more made from sturdy, durable artcard, all while learning the fundamentals of weather. Bold, colorful art and simple vocabulary round out this first-of-its-kind, fully interactive STEAM book! A perfect addition to preschool shelves and early-learning programs, and a fun way to inspire STEAM (and answer tough questions!) at a time when inquisitive minds are beginning to blossom.

Topics covered include:

- Temperature
- Air Pressure and humidity
- Wind
- Clouds
- Precipitation
- Weather systems
- Storms
- Rainbows
- The seasons
- What to wear!

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Too Many Hugs **A Book About Consent** **By Yvonne Pearson, illustrated by Maria Burobkina**

For ages 3 to 6

The important message about bodily autonomy is clearly stated and further articulated for parents in the backmatter...given that all children should learn to ask before giving a hug and to expect the same from others, it's one that many little ones will benefit from reading."—Kirkus Reviews

In this adorable—but important—book on consent, Theo teaches his family about the need for respect and personal boundaries. After a day of too many hugs, he writes his five rules for hugging and puts them on the refrigerator. When Grandma comes in for a smacking, smooching hug, she sees the rules and stops. "How about a hug?" she asks. Theo can't wait to say, "YES!"

Why does consent matter? Research shows that helping kids learn to take charge of their bodies and decide for themselves what is welcome (or unwelcome) touch is a critical step to empowering them against abuse. Asking—not demanding—a hug from a child teaches him that he matters as a person and that he is as deserving of respect as a grownup.

Too Many Hugs is a funny, powerful way to get that life-changing lesson started!

- Kids (and parents) need to learn about consent early!
- A great way to open a discussion about boundaries with a small child

About the author: Yvonne Pearson has written more than a dozen children's books, and her poetry has appeared in numerous publications. She is a 2018 McKnight Writing Fellow and has received two Minnesota State Arts Board grants as well as the Creative Non-Fiction Award and the Shabo Award in children's literature from the Loft Literary Center. She lives with her husband in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Maria Burobkina is a children's book illustrator based in San Francisco.