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Science and Stories  
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*Bats On Parade.* Kathi Appelt (Morrow, 1999) A parade full of animals, multiplication, and fun.

*I Call It Sky.* Will C. Howell (Walker, 1999) Questions about weather answered in beautiful language.

*Muscles.* Seymour Simon (Morrow, 1999) An interesting look at the muscular system and how it works. Great photos and Simon's signature readable text.

*This Book Bites.* Timothy Gower (Planet Dexter, 1999) Fun layout and irreverent text, but lots of great info and experiments to help you get to know your mouth.

*The Magic Schoolbus Explores the Senses.* Joanna Cole & Bruce Degen (Scholastic, 1999) The adventures continue as the kids get a sense for their senses and those of other animals around them.

*Gigantic.* Patrick O'Brien (HHT, 1999) Simple, fun text, and illustrations, plus a look at the roots of those tongue twister dinosaur names.

*In Search of Lemurs.* Joyce A Powzyk (National Geographic, 1998) A Wildlife Biologist gives a first person account of her time with lemurs in Madagascar, very readable.

*Nilo & the Tortoise.* Ted Lewin (Scholastic, 1999) a boy's trip to the Galapagos leads to some amazing encounters with the animals there.

*Safari.* Robert Bateman (LB, 1998) a naturalist and his beautiful paintings describe to readers these incredible animals and their behavior, fact boxes for quick reference.

*Little Bull.* Ellen Foley James (Sterling, 1998) a baby elephant grows up and the reader begins to understand elephant society and life.

*Out of the Ocean.* Debra Frasier (HB, 1998) a child describes in first person her trip to the beach, her mother's lessons, and all the treasures she found there. Author of "On the Day You Were Born".

*My Life With the Wave.* Catherine Cowan (LLS, 1997) most kids bring home shells from the beach, but when one boy brings home a stray wave, the results are unexpected.

*Nature's Paintbrush.* Susan Stockdale (SS, 1999) a look at camouflage and patterns in nature.

*Bird Talk.* Ann Jonas (Greenwillow, 1999) the author interprets bird sounds in her own way to tell a story.

*Beaver.* Glenn Rounds (HH, 1999) a beaver goes through his day, great fact or fiction section

*Ice Story Shackleton's Lost Expedition.* Elizabeth Cody Kimmel (Clarion, 1999) Great original photos to go along with a fascinating chapter of exploration history

*Space Station Science Life in Free Fall.* Marianne J. Dyon (Scholastic, 1999) What it's really like in Space and how our bodies adjust, Lots of text but nicely divided into readable chunks

*Red Eyed Tree Frog.* Joy Cowley (Scholastic, 1999) Amazing photos paired with simple text about a tree-frog's day.

*The Snake Scientist.* Sy Montgomery (HM, 1999) Not just about snakes, about what snake scientists do. Part of a series.

*Once a Wolf.* Steven R. Swinburne (HM, 1999) same series, how wildlife biologists fought to bring back the grey wolf

*Digging for Bird Dinosaurs.* Nic Bishop (HM, 1999) same series, an expedition to Madagascar to explore the links between dinosaurs and birds.

*The Top of the World.* Steve Jenkins (HM, 1999) Wonderful papercuts illustrate a great story and interesting facts about climbing Mt. Everest.

*Mapping the World.* Sylvia A. Johnson (Atheneum, 1999) History, Sociology and science of Maps

*Wild Horses I have Known.* Hope Ryden (Clarion, 1999) Beautiful photos and informative text about the lives and social workings of wild horses.

*Always Inventing.* Tom L. Matthews (National Geographic, 1999) Part of a series, A photobiography of Alexander Graham Bell

*Dragon Bones and Dinosaur Eggs.* (National Geographic, 1999) same series, a photobiography of Explorer Roy Chapman Andrews in Mongolia

*The Fungus the Ate My School.* Arthur Dorros (Scholastic, 2000) Kids come back to school to find a science experiment gone wrong. They use good questions to solve the problem.

*Spring Thaw.* Steven Schnur (Viking, 2000) A poetic look at the very beginnings of the change from winter to spring.

*Pumpkin Circle.* George Levenson (Tricycle, 1999) Great photos and poetic language make pumpkins and what kids do with them beautiful

*Dandelions Stars in the Grass.* Mia Posada (Carolrhoda, 2000) Rhyming text sheds new light on the life of this weed.

*Fighting for the Forest.* Gloria Rand (HHT, 1999) a father and son fight to save the forest they love, illustrated by Ted Rand

*Journey Through the Northern Rainforest.* Karen Pandell (Dutton, 1999) Informative text and photos are paired with the story of how an eagle fits into this ecosystem.

*Soaring with the Wind, The Bald Eagle.* Gail Gibbons (Morrow, 1998) Gibbon's unique style brings story and science together, look for her numerous other books like this one.

*This is the Sea that Feeds Us.* Robert F. Baldwin (Dawn, 1998) Teacher's choice winner, Modeled after "This is the House that Jack built"

*The Emperor's Egg* Martin Jenkins (Candlewick, 1999) The story of Emperor Penguins, playfully told with informative companion text in italics.

*Tyrannosaurus Time.* Joanne Ryder (Morrow, 1999) second person text puts the reader in the experience of being a t-rex

*Dinosaurs to Dodos.* Don Lessem (Scholastic, 1999) A fascinating encyclopedia of extinct animals

*Bones.* Seymour Simon (Morrow, 1998) Great series, great info, readable text. If you don't know Simon for science books, take a look

*With love.* Jane Goodall (NS, 1994) ten heartwarming stories of Chimpanzees in the wild

*Gorilla Walk.* Ted & Betsy Lewin (LLS, 1999) a true story of the Lewin's trip to Uganda to meet the wild Mountain Gorilla

*Little Bull.* Ellen Floey James (Discovery, 1998) A great text about the life of an elephant calf, Beautiful photos

*Freshwater Giants.* Phylis Perry (FW, 1999) Great info and photos on Hippos, River dolphins, and manatees

*Outside and Inside Kangaroos.* Sandra Markle (Atheneum, 1999) Another installment in this great series that has included spiders, sharks, and many other interesting animals.

*Nanook's Gift.* Michio Hoshino (Cadence books, 1996) A beautiful story of a boy who learns from the king of the polar bears, text is paired with great photography

*Horses and Rhinos: What They Have in Common.* Sara Swan Miller (FW, 1999) part a series that pairs such animals as camels and Pigs, and cicadas and aphids

*The World According to Horses.* Stephen Budiasky (HHT, 2000) How they run, see, and think, lots of text but worth the read

*Rainbows of the Sea.* Meredith Thomas (Mondo, 1998) poetic text and incredible paper sculptures bring the sea to life, you will wonder if they are photographs or paper

*Baby Whale's Journey.* Jonathan London (Chronicle, 1999) A wonderful story of a whale's life, from the author of "The Eyes of Gray Wolf"

*Maya, Tiger Cub.* Theresa Radcliff (Viking, 1999) a baby tiger fights a hungry hyena for survival

*Northwest Animal Babies.* Andrea Helman (Sasquatch, 1998) Photos that are adorable, great information, and accurate nomenclature for each baby (cub, pup, chick etc.)

*Animal Faces.* Akira Satoh and Kyoko Toda (Kane Miller, 1996) No text, but the multiple photos chronicling the various expressions of each animal speak volumes, very unique

*Gentle Giant Octopus.* Karen Wallace (Candlewick, 1998) great text describes these shy creatures, wonderful art

*How Whales Walked Into the Sea.* Faith McNulty (Scholastic, 1999) Illustrated by Ted Rand, traces the unique evolution of whales

*Zoo in the Sky.* Jaqueline Mitton (National Geographic, 1998) a book of animal constellations

*Are You a Lady Bug?* Judy Allen (Kingfisher, 2000) part of great series that describes, second person, the life of a lady bug. Look for the snail book too

*Bright Beetle.* Rick Chrustowski (HHT, 2000) great text describes a ladybug's life cycle, bright, simple illustrations

*Big Numbers.* Edward Packard (Millbrook, 2000) a fun explanation of big numbers and illustrations that drive the point home

*Measuring.* Penny Loreen Leedy (HHT, 1997) a girl has an assignment to measure one object in a variety of ways, she chooses her dog. Great creative thinking

*G is for Googol.* David M. Schulz (Ticycle, 1998) a math alphabet book, fun and informative

*The Hidden Forest.* Jeanine Baker (Harper, 2000) Amazing Collages illustrate the undersea forest and a boy named Ben explores it

*Fish Wish.* Bob Barner (HH, 2000) Great illustrations of Coral reef paired with beautifully simple text

*Mammalabilia.* Douglas Florian (HB, 2000) Another fabulous collection of poems from the "insectopedia" author

*Growing Frogs.* Vivian French (Candlewick, 2000) a little girl overcomes her ignorance and raises some frogs

*The Barn Owls.* Tony Johnston (Charlesbridge, 2000) a poetic story of owls with a beautiful illustrations

*Rain.* Manja Stojic (Crown, 2000) a jubilant but simple text of how the African Savannah reacts to a rain storm

*On the Same Day in March.* Marilyn Singer (Harper, 2000) a comparison of weather all over the world.

*The History of Counting.* Denise Schumant Besserat (Morrow, 1999) an archeological history of counting

*Touchdown Mars.* Peggy Wethered (Putnam, 2000) an ABC book of Mars travel and information

*Animal Lives: the Frog.* Bert Kichen (Kingfisher, 2000) A great info with beautiful illustrations about the life and life cycle of frogs

*About Reptiles.* Cathryn Sill (Peachtree 2000) Simple text, great illustrations

*Emeline at the Circus.* Marjorie Pricenar (Knopf 1999) a teacher turns the class trip to the circus into a true learning experience with information of physics, history, biology and much more

*Rita Rice is Life.* Golden Gelman (HHT, 2000) the life cycle and importance of Rice, includes poetry