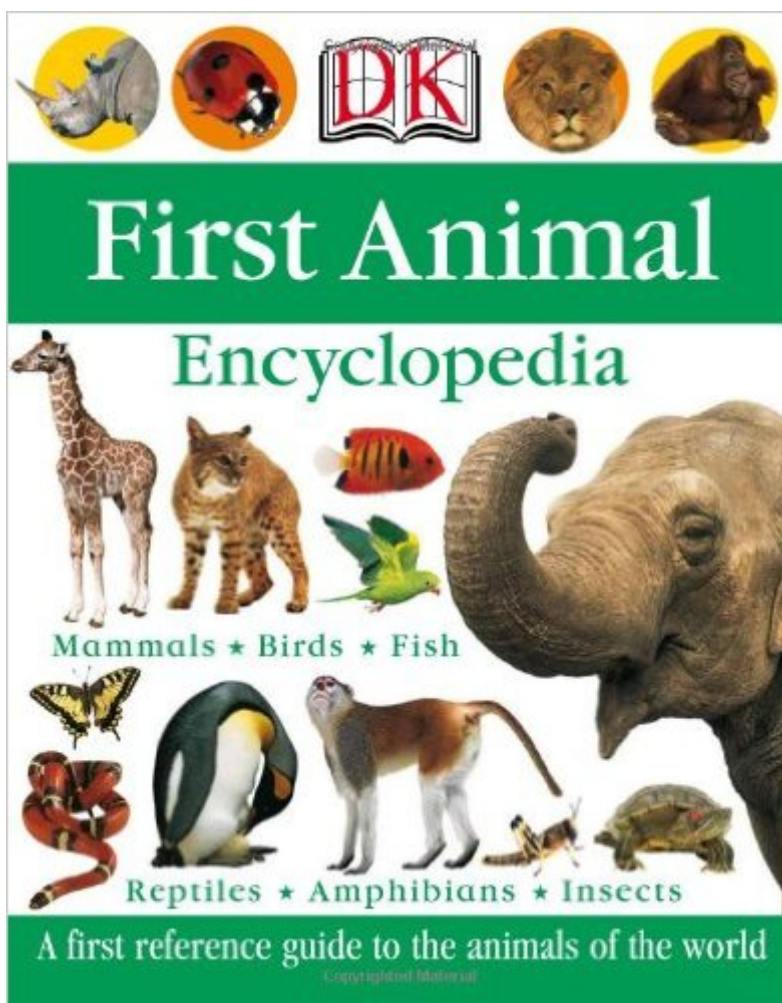


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# First Animal Encyclopedia (Dk First Reference Series)



## Synopsis

An inspiring new addition to the First Reference series, the DK First Animal Encyclopedia is loaded with spectacular photographs showing animal habits and habitats. From aardvark to zebra, this book is packed with fascinating facts about animals, giving children a wonderful head start on learning about the animal world.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 17 years

Grade Level: 1 - 12

## Customer Reviews

I bought this encyclopedia for my son's 7th birthday. It was his favorite gift, hands down. He still takes it with him everywhere. The book is full of pictures and lots of neat facts that are enough to challenge a 7 year old, but concise enough that he can read them simply. The book is split up into different categories of animals: Mammals, Creepy Crawlies, Birds, Reptiles, etc. Then each category has pages for different types of that creature. For example, mammals has ocean mammals, horses, marsupials, flying mammals, etc. The pictures are wonderful, and as I said, the amount of text is just right. I am so glad I bought this. My son is happy to sit for hours on end looking at this book. I highly recommend it for any animal loving child.

This encyclopedia is a good introduction into the animal kingdom. It does read well and the

illustrations and imagery are well done. The categories make looking up animal groups a breeze. There is enough detail and close ups on the smaller animals, which really helps with understanding the animals. Even the ridiculous representation of the T-Rex found in the Big Dinosaur Book by DK makes a cameo, which we found amusing. Overall a worthy purchase, promising long use.

My 3 year old twins love this book! And I know they will enjoy it for many years to come! Highly recommend this book!

I am trying to figure out an animal encyclopedia to buy for my 5-year old son. I decided to get a few from library before deciding. I got this one and the National Geographic one. My son likes this BK one much better. Today is a snow day and I decided to read a few pages together with him and we turned to the blue whale page. It is stated that the blue whale "is so big that the next-largest creature on Earth, the bull elephant, could sit on its tongue". My son happens to have a "Toothed Whale" book checked out and we'd just learned a sperm whale can be as much as 50 metric tons and I didn't think elephants were that big. Indeed, largest bull elephant is 12 metric tons, and sperm whale is not even the second largest animal on earth. That honor goes to fin whale, estimated to weigh as much as 70 metric tons. The blue whale page was the first page I seriously read, so chances are such errors are elsewhere in the book also. Encyclopedia is supposed to be thorough and authoritative, not sure I'd want to buy this.

This book has been great for introducing biology to my young boys. They have learned about the major classifications of animals and what differentiates vertebrates from invertebrates, mammals from reptiles etc. The information is very basic but the kids love the pictures and information so much that we've gone through it multiple times. At the bottom of each page is a trivia question. These are fun but there is no image of the animal in question so it falls short for us. There's always the internet but it would be nice if the trivia question was about one of the animals discussed on that page.

I bought this as a gift to my 2 year old son and this is one of the best books I have given him. His attention span is really short (I guess most toddlers are) but he is really in tuned with every pages of this book. A must buy for those who loves animals. This is a good introductory on what they will see in the zoo.

A friend's 2 1/2 year old son loves animals. Since he prefers real animals to cartoon ones, I decided to go with this book. I gave it to him almost a month ago and his parents say it's still his favorite thing in the world. He takes it everywhere and asks everyone he knows to tell him about the animals. I wouldn't hesitate getting this for a child of any age.

Excellent book with gorgeous photos and info. I'll post some pics just to offset the anecdotal photos someone posted of their book being damaged in shipping. Wish folks wouldn't do that. Things get damaged sometimes. is excellent at replacing them. Nancy Rector Author of "A Painful Truth - The Entrapment of America's Sick"(How Being Ill Got Me Arrested)[...]

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