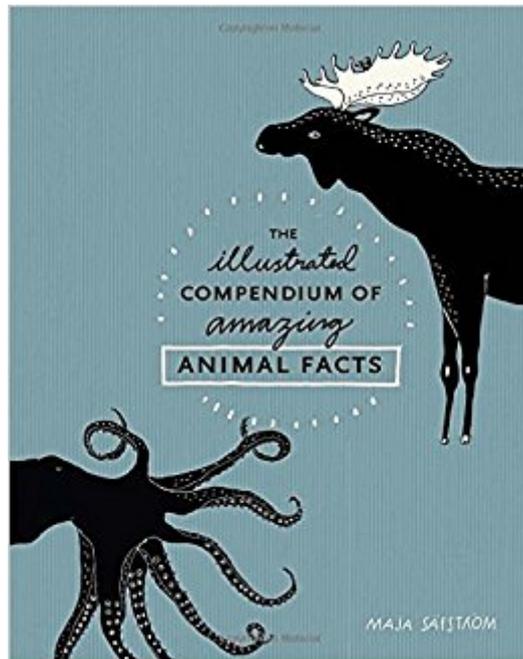


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# The Illustrated Compendium Of Amazing Animal Facts



## Synopsis

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.

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## Customer Reviews

The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts by Maja Safstrom, contains many interesting facts about animals, from reptiles to birds, amphibians to mammals, bugs and more! In the beginning of the book, you will find a list of page numbers with a different animal on each. Each animal has 2 pages dedicated to it with little unknown facts to read on. I will share with you a few of those interesting facts that I learned: Crocodiles actually cry tears when they eat, an octopus has more brain cells than a human, a frog has jumped more than 45 feet at in one jump, and even though a Panda's diet consists of 99% Bamboo, their stomachs were actually designed to eat meat! Those are just a few of the fun facts this book contains. The design of each animal is well drawn out looking adorable as ever. This is a great book for children and adults. You get to see the fun illustrations, and learn about facts you may have never known about before. My son loves this book and we find it very useful for research days in homeschooling. This post is made possible on behalf of Blogging for Books and Waterbrook Multnomah in providing me the complementary book to review.

All opinions my own.

Having a house full of boys, animals seem to be a favorite topic of interest around these parts. We live on a farm where the boys learn some very real life lessons about animals- the good, bad and the ugly. It isn't uncommon for one of them to come bursting thru the door holding a squirming bug by it's wings or find them fishing in water troughs for tad poles. Learning about animals seems to be a very natural part of early childhood. With our first dabbings in school this year, we throw in some outdoor nature exploration and some good books on nature and animals and call it "science"! So I am always on the lookout for a good animal book to add to the stack. I can already tell that *The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts* by Maja Safstrom is going to be often picked up resource!! love the gorgeous, high quality cover of this book and that it adds a little, grown up "class" to my book shelf full of bright colored children's books. The illustrations themselves are done in minimalist black and white and I feel that was a wise choice. The pared down palette helps to unify the book and keep the focus on the fun, little details of the drawings and the written facts. My oldest son and I sat down together, as soon as this book came in the mail, and read thru the whole thing! It is an impressive 100+ pages of animal fact fun and he was mesmerized till the end. I loved watching his facial expression as I read some of the more outrageous facts about different animals! There seemed to be a slight theme of the more "shocking" facts having to do with poop, (which I, personally, could do without) but my son, being a boy, found some amusement in those. This cleverly illustrated volume will be great to have as a fun book in our school rotation. I feel it would be a great gift purchase for animal- obsessed kids as well!"I received this book from Blogging for Books for this review."

Beautiful, simple book. My animal-fiend of a daughter has been carrying this around with her. Nice illustrations & a few facts per animal per double page. The quality of the book is really nice & I learned that a group of owls is called a parliament of owls. Had no idea.

Did you know? the heart of a mouse beats 750 times per minute? beavers'™ teeth are orange and they never stop growing? male lions sleep up to 20 hours a day? there are 1 million ants for every human on earth? Neither did I. I love facts, trivia, and the unexpected bit of insight, but never did I expect it to be so darn cute! *The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts* by Maja Safstrom is absolutely adorable and lives up to its title. It is a well bound book that has adorable black and white illustrations that are engaging and precocious. With facts about every creature from

lions to tapirs, and wild turkeys to hummingbirds, this book covers all the bases. It is a fun way to brush up on all your animal trivia (for example, fleas are deaf â “ who knew?) and have fun doing it. Not only is this book fun to hop into (no need to read all the way through), but it looks beautiful on the shelf. This book is a perfect gift for any animal lover or bibliophile.

When I first picked this book through Blogging for Books, I thought of my son and how much fun he'd have reading about weird animal facts before bed along with the beautiful, whimsical artwork. However, when the book came in, I absolutely could NOT put it down, and he had to keep asking me to see it! I'm glad I made the choice I did to get it! This is a BEAUTIFUL hardcover book (Gosh, I love the smell of new book...). The cover is embossed with the title and decorated with the style of the illustrations to come inside the book. The spine is embossed as well, and the back is also well done. The book itself doesn't come with a dust jacket - or at least mine didn't... but enough small talk about the specifications: As an artist, I am SO impressed by the illustrations in the book, and will definitely take note when going into drawing characters for my pieces. The simple but beautifully quirky black and white drawings of all the different animals made me giggle throughout the whole book. The author definitely has a wonderful sense of humor! The facts themselves are great, and had me saying "Wow! I never knew that! Did you guys know that? Come look at this!" at almost EVERY page! It makes me want to look up more about what different kinds of groups of animals are called, why my mosquito bites itch so much (is it from the mosquito pee or from the bite... Yes. I learned that mosquitoes pee on you as well)... along with SO MANY other things! As a teacher/tutor, a mother, an artist, and a human being - I wholly recommend this book! If anything and you're looking for that extra special something to put on your coffee table to read, or want to give a gift to that person who's always really hard to shop for - this is it. It's definitely sure to tickle their artistic fancy, their passion for animals, and/or make them giggle like a school girl.

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