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The Owl Book is packed with stunning photography and interesting facts and is set to be a must-have for all owl lovers. From science to myth and legend, art and literature the subject is covered in fascinating detail. Barn Owl: Children Book of Fun Facts & Amazing Photos on Animals in Nature - A Wonderful Barn Owl Book for Kids aged 3-7 This latest installment in the popular Strange and Wonderful series by Laurence Pringle is an easy-to-read and comprehensive introduction to owl species from all over the world. Stuffed with scintillating science facts and large, colored illustrations from Meryl Henderson, this great educational book is sure to resonate with young animal lovers seeking to learn more about these elusive ghost birds. From the tiny elf owl that weighs less than two ounces to the Eurasian eagle owl that can have a wing span of over five feet, each individual species is described and masterfully pictured in vivid detail through clear, informative text with accompanying artwork. Various facets of the owls' lives are discussed, including their habitats, diet, mating habits, vision, physiology, digestion, and parenting. This miniature encyclopedia, complete with a glossary, index, and further resources, offers a wealth of knowledge to aspiring avian enthusiasts and contains enough factoids to allow even fledgling readers to soar to new heights. This popular series continues traveling the planet to study bison, jaguars, and other fascinating animals. Beautiful photos are paired with accessible text to examine the featured creature's appearance, habitat, behaviors, and life cycle. Barn Owl: Amazing Pictures & Fun Facts on Animals in Nature This book discusses the relationship between barn owls, their prey and prospects for conservation. The little girl in this book has never seen a barn owl, but when her grandpa puts a nest-box high in the old oak tree, they wait and they wait until one spring night, just as the sky goes pink, a pale face looks out of it, then takes off towards them. "When a barn owl and her mate suddenly decide to nest in a suburban neighborhood, the amazing tale of Molly and McGee begins. The owls' home, a wooden box with a camera inside, put up by a nature-loving couple in

their backyard, becomes the setting for a real-life story of love, danger, mystery--and ultimately the triumph of a family. Through the little camera peering in on their home, Molly and McGee captivated millions of people in forty-five countries around the world who shared their saga"--Dust jacket flap. With its heart-shaped face, buff back and wings and pure white underparts, the Barn Owl is a distinctive and much-loved bird of the countryside. Widely distributed across the British Isles and indeed the world, this species has suffered a serious decline over the past fifty years as a result of the degradation of formerly prey-rich habitats in the face of intensive agricultural practices. This new and completely revised edition of a classic Poyser monograph brings the Barn Owl story completely up to date. Written by the same authors - who remain the voices of authority on the species - The Barn Owl provides a fascinating record of the ebb and flow of this owl's fortunes, along with the standard Poyser treatment of breeding biology, evolution, distribution, feeding ecology and demographics. With heart-shaped face, buff back and wings, and pure white underparts, the barn owl is a distinctive and much-loved bird which has fascinated people from many cultures throughout history. How did the barn owl colonise the world? What adaptations have made this bird so successful? How is the increasing impact of human disturbance affecting these animals? Answering these questions and more, Roulin brings together the main global perspectives on the evolution, ecology and behaviour of the barn owl and its relatives, discussing topics such as the high reproductive potential, physiology, social and family interaction, pronounced colour variation and global distribution. Accessible and beautifully illustrated, this definitive volume on the barn owl is for researchers, professionals and graduate students in ornithology, animal behaviour, ecology, conservation biology and evolutionary biology, and will also appeal to amateur ornithologists and nature lovers. Describes the physical characteristics of owls, where various species can be found, their behavior, and myths about them. Describes the physical characteristics, habitat, and life cycle of the barn owl. A detailed look at the seldom-seen life of a barn owl. Parents and kids discovering nature together will find this a thought-provoking introduction to the appreciation of a wild animal in its natural habitat. - ASPCA bibliography: Kids, Animals, & Literature - A NAPPA Honors Award-winner - An NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book for Children In this New York Times bestseller that will appeal to readers of H is for Hawk, a naturalist probes the forest to comprehend the secret lives of owls. Join Leigh Calvez on adventures into the world of owls: owl-watching, avian science, and the deep forest--often in the dead of night. These birds are a bit mysterious, and that's part of what makes them so fascinating. Calvez makes the science entertaining and accessible while exploring the questions about the human-animal connection, owl obsession, habitat, owl calls, social behavior, and mythology. From the Trade Paperback edition. A comprehensive handbook covering all aspects of the conservation of Barn Owls. Written by the Barn Owl Trust, this book includes in-depth information on Barn Owl survey techniques, relevant ecology, Barn Owls and the law, mortality, habitat management, use of nest boxes and barn Owl rehabilitation. Essential reading for ecologists, planners, land

managers and ornithologists. Owls are birds from the order Strigiformes, which includes over 200 species of mostly solitary and nocturnal birds of prey typified by an upright stance, a large, broad head, binocular vision, binaural hearing, sharp talons, and feathers adapted for silent flight. Exceptions include the diurnal northern hawk-owl and the gregarious burrowing owl. Owls hunt mostly small mammals, insects, and other birds, although a few species specialize in hunting fish. They are found in all regions of the Earth except polar ice caps and some remote islands. Owls are divided into two families: the true (or typical) owl family, Strigidae, and the barn-owl family, Tytonidae. Throughout human history, owls have variously symbolized dread, knowledge, wisdom, death, and religious beliefs in a spirit world. In most Western cultures, views of owls have changed drastically over time. Owls can serve simultaneously as indicators of scarce native habitats and of local cultural and religious beliefs. Understanding historical and current ways in which owls are viewed, and not imposing Western views on other cultures, is an important and necessary context for crafting owl conservation approaches palatable to local peoples. The Book Owl: The Mysterious Bird is a systematic compilation of authentic and standard literature published by renowned ornithologists, professionals, amateurs and hobbyists of the world in the field of ornithology and wildlife biology. It also covers author's (HBS) personal observations and published research work in the wild terrains of Gujarat (India) during his research exposure of 24 years as an Ornithologist and Wildlife Biologist. The present book highlights the remarkable key-points and noteworthy information about owls in terms of introductory notes on anatomy, sexual dimorphism, adaptations for hunting, flight and feathers, vision, hearing, talons, beak, camouflage behavior, breeding and reproduction, evolution and systematics, food and hunting, pellets, eyes, plumage, feet, breeding, calls, holistic information about owls (e.g. food and hunting, pellets, eyes, plumage, feet, breeding, calls), symbolisms about owls (African cultures, ancient European and modern Western culture, Asia, Hinduism, native American cultures), motifs and mythology, markers of gods, knowledge, wisdom, and fertility, owls in lore and culture, owls in tribal folklores, owls in mythology and culture, owls in Greek and roman mythology, owls in English folklore, owls in American Indian culture, owl mythology: a global perspective, human impacts on owls, individual impacts, toxicological impacts on owls, agricultural impacts on owls, impacts of habitat alteration on owls, legal protection to owls, owls as environmental indicators, towards a tolerant conservation, rodent control, attacks on humans, and conservation issues. The author has also acknowledged all the researchers, scientists, authors, website developers, NGOS, URLs, and direct or indirect informers in the form of ' Citations ' in the section ' Selected Bibliography '. This book will definitely be a ready reference material and handy study guide for students, researchers, scientists, folklore specialists, and bird conservationists around the world. The author renders his immense gratitude and enormous thankfulness to all the informants, who have helped him directly or indirectly during the compilation of this work. The barn owl is a powerful predator with a critical role in rodent control, and it is in dire danger from rodent poisons, lack of nesting sites

and human encroachment. This text renders an informative portrait of this endangered bird and covers the survival of barn owls, their biology and behavior, courtship and reproduction, life cycle, how and what they hunt, social interaction, and conservation-- Tony Johnston's *THE BARN OWLS* recalls in quiet tones the memory of a barn that has stood alone in a wheat field for one hundred years at least. The owls have nested there and have hunted in the fields and circled in the night skies as time slowly slipped by. Every night, as the moon rises, a barn owl awakens and flies out to hunt. Feathered against the endless starry night, he swoops and sails to the darkened wheat field below and catches a mouse in his nimble talons. With outstretched wings, this barn owl returns to his barn nest and his hungry family, repeating the ageless ritual his ancestors have practiced here, in this barn, for at least one hundred years. Following the life cycle of the barn owl, this gentle poem evokes a sense of warm sunshine and envelopes readers with the memory of the scent of a wheat field.

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Barn Owl: Fun Facts and Amazing Photos of Animals in Nature "Few children now have access to the open woodlands and grasslands frequented by barn owls, but they can all enjoy the magic of the bird thanks to this lovely introduction." – Kirkus Reviews (starred review) (Ages 5-8) This vibrant new book-and-CD series brings the

best of our Read and Wonder nature stories to life. Each paperback title in the series includes a CD that features: - an engaging read-aloud with sound effects - a segment focusing on fascinating facts - a read-along opportunity guided by prompts A young girl and her grandfather look for a barn owl night after night. Will a distinctive heart-shaped face appear at the window? Back matter includes further information about nest boxes and an index. A detailed look at the seldom-seen life of a barn owl. Parents and kids discovering nature together will find this a thought-provoking introduction to the appreciation of a wild animal in its natural habitat. • ASPCA bibliography: Kids, Animals, & Literature • A NAPPA Honors Award-winner • An NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book for Children Photographer Rob Palmer has a passion for birds of prey and has traveled the world in pursuit of images that capture their amazing beauty and behaviors as they go about their lives in their natural environment. In this book, he has collected nearly two-hundred of his favorite shots, showcasing a wide array of species, locations, seasons, and activities. From grown owls in flight to youngsters hamming it up in the nest, you'll enjoy a virtual tour of the lives of these mesmerizing birds. Palmer also provides explanatory text to help you identify the species, appreciate the behaviors, and understand what it takes to get shots like these. Whether you are an owl lover or an aspiring bird photographer, you'll love this book! Few of us know what goes on after dark, underneath the moon. Sally Coulthard shines a light on the barn owl, one of the most mesmerising and elusive icons of the countryside. 'Fascinating insights... An endearing book for lovers of the barn owl' Daily Mail 'Enjoyable and lyrical... enhanced by Vanessa Lubach's arresting lino prints' Country Life 'Packs in everything the amateur nature enthusiast would want to know' Yorkshire Life 'This is a gorgeous little book' Permaculture Magazine With its heart-shaped face and silent, graceful flight, the barn owl regularly tops the nation's list of favourite birds. But how much do we really know about this sublime tenant of the night? Here, bestselling author Sally Coulthard shines a light on the barn owl. Full of fascinating insights, conservation advice and the latest research, this affectionate and timely guide also tells the story of a barn owl's early life - from first pip of the shell to leaving the nest - a fascinating time in this captivating creature's journey. "Owls" is a unique and practical guide to these nocturnal creatures, providing an illustrated presentation of their behavior, biology, and individual characteristics. In the classic monograph mould, this study of *Tyto alba* is the product of almost 40 years field work by its authors and complementary observations by other dedicated ornithologists in Britain, the USA and Europe. The result is a detailed, balanced account based on intimate knowledge of the Barn Owl in varying habitats in Britain, comparing, as appropriate, this race's behaviour with that of sub-species in other areas of the world. There are major chapters on breeding and general behaviour, feeding, distribution, etc, but voice is rightly given a full treatment. The text is graced by Ian Willis's fine drawings and there are 31 photographs plus a colour frontispiece. Barn owls live throughout North America, and yet few people have ever seen one in the wild. They are quiet, reclusive, and almost entirely night creatures. The white face and front side are hard to miss, but they become almost invisible in the backdrop of a forest when

they turn their backs. Such camouflage and silent flight makes them a bird of prey to reckon with. They have acute sight and hearing and are fully able to hunt without seeing their prey. To be such effective hunters would seem to be the life every raptor would want, only the barn's life is simple and short. Most only brood one set of chicks, but it has kept the species alive, well, and off the endangered species list. There are still some serious challenges for the barn owl and ourselves if we will protect this SILENT but MAJESTIC bird. Accessible and beautifully illustrated, this book collates global scientific research on the evolution, ecology and behaviour of barn owls and their relatives into a single volume. For researchers in ornithology, animal behaviour, ecology, conservation biology and evolutionary biology, it will also appeal to amateurs interested in barn owls. A visual study with exact drawings in multiple dimensions for the Great Horned Owl, Barn Owl and Barred Owl. Paint patterns included. The sight of a ghostly barn owl quartering a field at dusk is not one that is easily forgotten, but the day-to-day lives of these captivating birds are little known to most people. This book introduces the reader to some of the most fascinating aspects of a remarkable nocturnal existence. A New York Times Notable Book of 2020 Longlisted for the National Book Award Winner of the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award and the Minnesota Book Award for General Nonfiction A Finalist for the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year Award Winner of the Peace Corps Worldwide Special Book Award A Best Book of the Year: NPR, The Wall Street Journal, Smithsonian, Minneapolis Star-Tribune, The Globe and Mail, The BirdBooker Report, Geographical, Open Letter Review Best Nature Book of the Year: The Times (London) "A terrifically exciting account of [Slaght's] time in the Russian Far East studying Blakiston's fish owls, huge, shaggy-feathered, yellow-eyed, and elusive birds that hunt fish by wading in icy water . . . Even on the hottest summer days this book will transport you." –Helen Macdonald, author of *H is for Hawk*, in *Kirkus* I saw my first Blakiston's fish owl in the Russian province of Primorye, a coastal talon of land hooking south into the belly of Northeast Asia . . . No scientist had seen a Blakiston's fish owl so far south in a hundred years . . . When he was just a fledgling birdwatcher, Jonathan C. Slaght had a chance encounter with one of the most mysterious birds on Earth. Bigger than any owl he knew, it looked like a small bear with decorative feathers. He snapped a quick photo and shared it with experts. Soon he was on a five-year journey, searching for this enormous, enigmatic creature in the lush, remote forests of eastern Russia. That first sighting set his calling as a scientist. Despite a wingspan of six feet and a height of over two feet, the Blakiston's fish owl is highly elusive. They are easiest to find in winter, when their tracks mark the snowy banks of the rivers where they feed. They are also endangered. And so, as Slaght and his devoted team set out to locate the owls, they aim to craft a conservation plan that helps ensure the species' survival. This quest sends them on all-night monitoring missions in freezing tents, mad dashes across thawing rivers, and free-climbs up rotting trees to check nests for precious eggs. They use cutting-edge tracking technology and improvise ingenious traps. And all along, they must keep watch against a run-in with a bear or an Amur tiger. At the heart of Slaght's

story are the fish owls themselves: cunning hunters, devoted parents, singers of eerie duets, and survivors in a harsh and shrinking habitat. Through this rare glimpse into the everyday life of a field scientist and conservationist, *Owls of the Eastern Ice* testifies to the determination and creativity essential to scientific advancement and serves as a powerful reminder of the beauty, strength, and vulnerability of the natural world.

Renowned nature writer Jim Crumley gets up close and personal with some of Britain's most iconic and loved animals - here, the barn owl. With his inimitable passion and vision, Jim describes some of his most memorable encounters with British wildlife - and reveals the startling ways they continually adapt to the relentless encroachment of humans on their habitats. The Encounters in the Wild series not only offers insights into their extraordinary lives, but also considers the conservation efforts to protect them and how the future looks for these much loved animals. This book is the closing report of the national priority program Nature-Inspired Fluid Mechanics (Schwerpunktprogramm SPP 1207: Strömungsbeeinflussung in der Natur und Technik). Nature-inspired fluid mechanics is one subset of biomimetics, a discipline which has received increased attention over the last decade, with numerous faculties and degree courses devoted solely to exploring 'nature as a model' for engineering applications. To save locomotion energy, evolution has optimized the design of animals such that friction loss is minimized. In addition to many morphological adaptations, animals that are often exposed to water or air currents have developed special behaviors that allow them to use the energy contained in air or water fluctuations for energy savings. Such flow manipulation and control is not only important for many animals, but also for many engineering applications. Since living beings have been optimized by several million years of evolution it is very likely that many engineering disciplines can profit from the study of systems found in nature. Curiously, there has been little serious cross-disciplinary work and information exchange on the topic of fluid dynamics and flow control and this was the initial motivation to establish this national priority program. "A beautiful book; wise and sharp-eared as its subject." –Robert Macfarlane

One minute I was sipping my tea by the window. There was nothing but the palest edge of grey light and a wisp of steam from my cup—and then a shadow swooped out of the air. With the lightest of scratches, as if the dawn light was solidifying into life, there it was, perched like an exclamation mark on the balcony: an owl, come to my home. Owls have existed for over sixty million years, and in the relatively short time we have shared the planet with these majestic birds they have ignited the human imagination. But even as owls continue to captivate our collective consciousness, celebrated British nature writer Miriam Darlington finds herself struck by all she doesn't know about the true nature of these enigmatic creatures. Darlington begins her fieldwork in the British Isles with her teenage son, Benji. As her avian fascination grows, she travels to France, Serbia, Spain, Finland, and the frosted Lapland borders of the Arctic for rare encounters with the Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Long-eared Owl, Pygmy Owl, Snowy Owl, and more. But when her son develops a mysterious illness, her quest to understand the elusive nature of owls becomes entangled with her search for finding a cure. In *The Wise Hours*,

Darlington watches and listens to the natural world and to the rhythms of her home and family, inviting readers to discover the wonders of owls alongside her while rewinding our imagination with the mystery, fragility, and magnificence of all creatures. Chronicles the author's rescue of an abandoned barn owlet, from her efforts to resuscitate and raise the young owl through their nineteen years together, during which the author made key discoveries about owl behavior.

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