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Over 9,000 species, the most widespread of all animals: on icebergs, in the Sahara or under the sea, at home in our gardens or flying for over a year at a time. Earthbound, we can only look and listen, enjoying their lightness, freedom and richness of plumage and song.

David Attenborough has been watching and learning all his life. His new book, with its accompanying series of films for BBC TV, is a brilliant introduction to bird behaviours around the world: what they do and why they do it. He looks at each step in birds' lives and the problems they have to solve: learning to fly; finding food; communicating; mating and caring for nests, eggs and young; migrating; facing dangers and surviving harsh conditions.

Sir David has no equal in helping others to learn and making it exciting. His curiosity and enjoyment are infectious. He shows the lifelong pleasure that birds around us offer, and how much we miss if unaware of them.

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notgettingenough says

When do you know you are homesick?

When you are sitting in Geneva watching a German Attenborough sort of program about penguins in Australia.

No. That's not all, not quite.

When you are sitting in Geneva watching a German Attenborough sort of program about penguins in Australia and **you think you recognise one of them**.

No. That's not all, not quite either.

When you are sitting in Geneva watching a German Attenborough sort of program about penguins in Australia, you think you recognise one of them and **you wave at it**. And the reason it doesn't wave back, you think, isn't that the penguin doesn't recognise *you*, but that the director won't let it.

That's homesick, wouldn't you say?

David R. says

It may have been a great television series, but it poorly translated to book form. The writing is superficial. The real strength, such as it is, is exquisite photography.

Shirley Revill says

Doesn't get much better than this. Recommended.

Florence Millo says

The Life of Birds by David Attenborough

What a gorgeous, delightful, educational book! Every chapter in this book is a delight to the eye and to the mind. From the first chapter chronicling the evolution of birds to the last chapter on environmental challenges facing birds, the book is informative with stunningly beautiful photographs. The book is broken into chapters following the life cycles of birds in the myriad varieties. I just can't begin to express how much I enjoyed this book and how much I learned. A really good read.

Joey says

It's a modern classic.

Kari says

A fascinating and beautiful book filled with stunning photographs from the legend that is David Attenborough. His style of writing is compelling and doesn't weigh you down with hard science. The book was a brilliant read and I know it will be one I will pick up again and again. Am now filled up with lots of new bird facts!

Andrew Ives says

This is the 3rd of Sir Dave's books that I've read, and while the scope of this book is necessarily narrowed by focusing solely on birds and their habitats, birds are so diverse in nature that this book is very nearly as interesting and educational as the wonderful *Life On Earth*. The photographs here are arguably a little better, the writing style is perfect and no single species is dwelt upon for too long. Apart from a couple of tiny typos and some photos that are either too detailed to properly appreciate or are unwisely positioned upon the crease of the page, *Life of Birds* is quite faultless. Despite having read several bird books before and having watched plenty of animal documentaries, I still learned many new things, some of which are rather incredible. 4.75/5

Boran says

David Attenborough gibi kıymetli bir bilim insanından, kuların hakkında her şeye dair yapımının bölümlük BBC serisinin bu kitabı, kulara ilgi duyan herkesin kütüphanesinde olmasının gereken mükemmel bir eser. Her cümleinden muazzam keyif alacağınız ve birçok şey öreneceğiniz, birbirinden güzel fotoğraflarla süslü, kolların gözlemcisinin olmazsa olmaz bir kitabından biri.

Ridwan Anam says

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Lisa says

Interspersed this with other books during all of Sep through December. Awesome text and photos. Will love going back to this again and again.

BTW - Wouldn't it be fascinating if David Attenborough was my grandfather and Lidia Bastianich was my grandmother?

Carolyn says

This is the very best book on birds I've ever had the privilege of reading. I enjoyed my first read so much I sent a "Thank You" letter to Sir David in care of his U.S. publisher. Several weeks later I was thrilled to receive a personal response, yes, hand written by the author himself "par avión"! If I could keep only one book from my small library of good old-fashioned hard cover books, this would be it. The chapters are logically arranged and presented and being familiar with Sir David's voice I discovered, as one can see with their "mind's eye", that my "mind's ear" was presenting the book to me in his familiar impeccable voice which made it all the more enjoyable. I did see the corresponding programs - in time - and I've watched them many times since and reread the book as well - time and again! Enjoy!

LuAnn says

Such fascinating information about birds. I appreciate them so much more having read this enjoyable book. It was fun to look up the clips from the companion BBC series on YouTube and see the behavior I read about. Another good one from David Attenborough.

Tom says

Some impressive photography, although the films probably show the subjects off better. The printed format underlines what a gifted communicator the author is; it's always entertaining to read, full of enthusiasm and wonderfully clear.

John Nelson says

This is another book I'd had on my shelf for years without getting around to looking at it. It is the companion volume to a late-1990s BBC television series. The author, David Attenborough, was an enthusiast, not a specialist. As a result, it is not surprising that the book contains a broad but shallow overview of the subject. Still, it includes some useful information, especially in the opening chapter which discusses how the evolutionary family tree of birds from the feathered dinosaur archaeopteryx to modern birds slowly is being filled in. The best part of the book by far is the photographs, which are magnificent. Overall, The Life of

Birds makes an enjoyable and quick read for people interested in natural history.

Mark says

Filled with beautiful pictures and an amazing richness of information. Attenborough is a treasure. Everyone should read this book to appreciate the different forms of intelligence and diversity that permeate our world.
