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This fabulous, life-sized introduction to what animals eat, how they eat it, and how much they eat in a single bite is full of compelling facts and images. From the tiny sand-grain-sized bite of earth that the earthworm takes to the double-gatefold spread of a sperm whale sucking a whole giant squid down in just one bite, this book and the eleven animals in it are EXACTLY as large as life!

Just One Bite Details

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From Reader Review Just One Bite for online ebook

Dayna Ball says

Just One Bite is a Informational text for k-3

This book is really neat because it shows you how much an animal can eat with actual proportions
The illustrations are terrific!!

Jen says

I think this is a great introduction to what animals eat and the actual size of the animals and their food. I liked the information on all of the animals in the back. My concern as a librarian is the actual size of this book. It is HUGE! I think most children would be hard pressed to find a bookbag or backpack that this would fit in. When students can't get books in their bags, that's when they tend to get damaged.

Pam ?Because Someone Must Be a Thorn? Tee says

A Bear.
a Komodo dragon.
an Octopus
a Parrot
a Sperm Whale
a Butterfly
a Rabbit
a Frog
an Elephant
a Worm

It's not just a question of what they eat, but how much!

Curious kids are going to like this one. Just One Bite opens up the world of animals one mouth at a time. With minimal text and bright, colorful artwork they are going to be able see exactly how a giraffe eats, and what. My own personal favorite was the worm. I was surprised at how much they could eat at one time. Who knew?

THE SKINNY:::

Just One Bite is an interesting early-science book that introduces children to the habits and habitats of 11 animals. The animals range from a tiny worm to a giant whale with creatures that inhabit land, sea and air.

I really like the information provided, and the fact that the book is very large and colorful and could easily be used with more than one child.

I could also see homeschoolers and teachers using it as the basis of a science unit where you could expand upon the notion of habitat and food chain.

Our one complaint came from my 8-year old son who wanted more 'exact' artwork, and who had a little trouble interpreting the pictures.

Everyone loved the pages that folded out so that the artwork sprawled over 4 pages!

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THE TECHNICAL BITS:::

Reading Level: generic 2

Interest Level: 4-8

Appellations:

Starred review from Kirkus

Pam T~

mom/blogger

booksforkids-reviews

Kayla Quinn says

Just One Bite described how 11 animals were able to take just one bite in order to eat their food. The illustrations were beautiful, constructed and very visual. This book can be read at age 2 all the way to age 6 or 7. Children may even find a certain animal that they love, then they will be able to see how they capture their food. By age 4, the children should understand what is going on just by the pictures. Ages 2-3, it can just purely for enjoyment, and something for the children to be fascinated with. This book was also an informational text because at the end there were little short paragraphs describing which body parts the animals use to capture their food.

Tim says

Yum Yum! What Fun!, Mara Bergman, 2009.

Just One Bite is unique in that it shows, in real-life size, the amounts of food that various animals eat, from a worm to a sperm whale. *Yum Yum! What Fun!* describes various animals who are attracted to a bakery by the irresistible smell of baking bread. While the animals' snacks in this book are not as true to life as in the other, the characters in both works truly love their snacks.

Just One Bite is arranged in a description structure, where each page clearly illustrates just how much a given animal can eat. It would be interesting to engage in a KWL activity, soliciting what students know or believe about what various animals eat and in what amounts. After the fiction text, a discussion could be centered around what was faulty with the book and what the listed animals truly do eat.

(2011, February 4). Horn Book Guide. <http://www.booksinprint2.com/leo.lib....#>

Liz Todd says

Kinderperfect!

Annie DeLuco says

This cute book is all about what animals eat and how they eat it. This book has multiple animals, eleven to be exact, and explain the differences in how and what they eat. This book is a good lesson for science. It can begin a lesson that goes into how people or things live and survive, how animals are different from people, and so many others. The illustrations are also very cute, in my opinion! My favorite is the title page!

Anna Wallman says

Jättefräckt att man ser hur stor maten är och hur stor munnen är på de olika djuren! Kul med jättestort utvik på kaskelot.

Antar att de tänkt att små barn ska läsa denna och ha bara en rad text på varje sida, och så har de samlat faktatexten längst bak på två sidor, tätt skrivna. Jag som läste med en sjuåring hade hellre haft faktatexten om varje djur på respektive sida, det var jobbigt att all fakta kom sist. Om man hade den extra texten i en ruta på varje sida med ett frågetecken på så kan ju de som inte vill veta så mycket hoppa över den? Eller ha den under en lucka på varje sida? Eller ha all fakta först i boken, så kan man bläddra tillbaka till början för att läsa på på varje djur. Nu blev jag jätteöVERRASKAD över att hitta två tättskrivna sidor sist. Tur det inte var sent på natten ;)

Mary Crytzer says

It's a toss up as to whether I like the book. The beginning of the book would grab a child's attention by the illustrations. I also think the illustrations are scary. When the komodo dragon eats the snake, the snake has an innocent, almost trusting expression with huge green eyes. The next page shows the tail of the snake pitifully sticking out of the dragons mouth, with saliva dripping. The illustration of the octopus would give me nightmares. There is a fold out page and when opened the is a huge picture of the octopus' eyeball. I did enjoy reading about the eating habits of each animal at the end of the book, but wonder if it is age appropriate.

Brooke Murray says

Just One Bite has been by far my favorite informational book that I've read. It presents accurate information to the reader about the actually bite size of animals with illustrations instead of photographs like most informational books have. It helps kids to see the actual size bites of animals like elephants, whales, giraffes and other animals in a fun way by the readers being able to unfold certain pages to make them bigger so that the bite size is actually real. I liked this informational book a lot because of the illustrations and because it's so much different than the normal informational book that you see on the shelves. I would recommend this book to any younger reader because it makes it easier to understand the information than with a book that has a lot of words. This is fun book for kids to read and for adults to read with them and it helps that they are learning factual information along with reading a fun book!

Michelle says

So cool!

E.S. says

Just One Bite is a non-fiction book written by Lola Schaefer and illustrated by Geoff Waring about 11 different animals and what things that they eat. Starting with a tiny worm and ending with a giant sperm whale, this book takes children on a journey through different environments as they look at animals big and small and what their bites look like!

This book is simple, featuring very few sentences (1-2) per page with full page spread illustrations. The book itself isn't interactive but the sperm whale is so big that the Waring has flaps that can be extended to show just how big a sperm whale is! (of course, not a life size portrayal!). The vocabulary is simple and almost repetitious with the wording (e.g. with just one scoop, a worm can eat...this much dirt (and everything in it!) and with just one sip, a butterfly can eat...this much nectar). This simple dialogue is perfect for younger children ages 3 and up.

The illustrations show each animal that is mentioned in the text (if an octopus is mentioned, there is an illustration of an octopus) and each illustration is realistic, yet bright and eye-opening. The animals aren't illustrated as being too frightening (the most frightening animal in this book is a Komodo dragon, but even then, it's not that creepy) Usually the illustrations show 2-3 objects per page, which is the animal and then what the animal is eating, and perhaps something that they are resting or sitting on. There are also illustrations in the text that portray the bites. For example, as mentioned previously, "with just one sip, a butterfly can eat...this much nectar," after the ellipses, there is a small illustration of how much nectar a butterfly can consume in one sip.

This book is a little long at 32 pages, but because of the dialogue, the illustrations, and the simplicity of both, this is a non-fiction book that would be developmentally appropriate for ages 3 and up (although perhaps a little too simple for school-aged children, so probably ages 3-6).

Lori says

Interesting. Fans of Steve Jenkins' books will like it. It ended a little flat for me.

Donalyn says

This book describes the eating capacities and habits of several animals. I think a much better animal comparison book is Jenkins' Actual Size.

Brianna Deines says

1. How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?

by Jane Yolen, Mark Teague (Illustrator)

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2. Twin Connection- The theme of both books is food. Using the twin text as more of a support on manners with eating where as the nonfiction text is about what amounts certain animals eat. They can work well with one another if doing a unit on what animals/people eat and how they eat it.

3. Description

4. Strategy Application- Students could pick an animal and do a poster or report on it. These two books would give them the information and ideas of what that animal eats, how much it eats, and possibly is there a certain way they eat it (using manners).
