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The Styling Librarian says

Birds of a Feather and Out of Sight and The Open Ocean by Francesco Pittau, illustrated by Bernadette Gervais – All three of these books are absolutely gorgeous and packed with fascinating facts. They're large books with movable parts. They also will be your book that readers will pour over and obsessively learn random facts... fantastic books, wish I could afford the luggage space to bring these back to Hong Kong now. They'll be on an order sooner than later for my library.

Lori says

This is a stunning and interesting lift the flap/pop-up book. Kids would love it. I loved it. However, it is oversized, which would make it hard to shelve in my classroom. Not sure how long the pop-ups would last without being damaged, but it would be beloved as long as it lasted. A simple fact behind each flap makes it a great non-fiction book for early readers.

Mary Ann says

I'm looking forward to what others think. On first sight, this book grabbed both my 6 year old and my 9 year old's attention. They loved the interactive format, guessing each animal as they turned the flaps. My 9 year old would then read the random facts, and they were both completely engrossed. But, as the Kirkus review points out, the facts are pretty random and limited. There is no back-matter or further information. This certainly pulled my kids in. Will they want to come back?

One big drawback for libraries: it is definitely oversized and fragile. The flaps are sturdy, but this won't easily fit on standard shelves.

Mike says

This is a really fun book about guessing animals. Some pictures show silhouettes of entire bodies, some silhouettes of body parts, some animal fur markings, others pictures of just key body parts, and other pictures of foot prints. This is a great one for looking carefully and making guesses, and it also teaches facts about animals and introduces some new animals.

Tasha says

This intriguing lift-the-flap and pop up book is really a fun guessing game. From one page to the next, the book changes. First it is silhouettes of animals. Lift the flap and you get the answer of what animal it is plus a fact about that animal. There are also sections where you guess the animal from their tracks, their fur, and their tails. The book is great fun for young science and animal lovers.

The large format of the book will make it challenging on library shelves, but I wouldn't expect it to sit there for long anyway. Nicely, the flaps and pop ups are sturdy enough to stand up to library use. The concept is a very strong one with plenty of appeal thanks to the strong design elements. Each page is visually attractive and well designed.

At times, the illustrations can be a bit off, making guessing more frustrating. The facts about the animals are random and unrelated to one another, so the occasionally book lacks cohesion.

A great book for reluctant readers, this is less of an informational book and more of an inviting and sophisticated introduction to animals and their variety. Appropriate for ages 4-8.

Michelle says

Amazing book. I'm astounded I found it via interlibrary loan because it's a library's worst nightmare...FLAPS. ALL OF THE FLAPS.

Karen says

My five-year-old son picked this book out from the library this week. It was too big for our book-bag, so he had to carry it. It was almost as big as he was.

This book is very well done. It is fun, and informative, and rather pretty. My son loved trying to guess the animals. Some were new to him. A couple were new to me. We both learned something.

Actual rating: 4.5 stars, but I round up.

Paul says

At first glance, the book is all black and white, until you flip up or sideways the black flap to uncover an animal and accompanying facts. Cutaways reveal a small portion of the animal beneath, making it a bit of a guessing game. This is a visual and experiential feast, which I think children will fully enter into. Library copies of this book are going to take a beating with flaps torn, as one in my copy was.

Darlene says

My 3 y old loved this book. Great lift the flap , animal guessing book.

carissa says

Recommended Ages: grades Pre-K - 3rd

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Taylor Laird says

This is an awesome book for kids!! it has pop-ups and pictures that are covered with a tab, so you have to lift them up in order to see what animal is underneath. It also has cutouts in the tab so you can see part of the animal and try to guess what animal is underneath it. There is also a section that has the footprints of the animals. On the flipside of the tabs it has what kind of animal it is an a fun fact to go along with it. When I read this to my kids in my reading class, they loved it. They all tried to guess what kind of animal it was by the clues it gave, and then were shocked when it was a different animal than they had guessed. And of course, they all had to share a story about when they saw a certain animal, or if it was a funny looking animal, or if they had never seen an animal.

This is a good book for an interactive book reading.

Hannah says

Excellent book about adaptations in animals!

Nancy says

whoa what a cool book. oversized, loads of flaps, guessing game (can you guess the animal just by seeing its snout? its feet?), vocabulary builder, facts about common and not-so-common animals. Realistic drawings, not photography. A kid will be mighty smart after reading this book over and over, which is what will happen because it is very engaging.

marmix says

It will make the pages crazy to try and shelve it, but I LOVE this book and it gets my 4-year-old's seal of approval. While trying to put mascara on this morning I was interrupted by "MAMA! Pigs are good swimmers!" and "MAMA! Mice have eighteen toes!" Not a princess in sight - still he loved it. It's a HUGE pop-up, lift-the-flap book of colorful trivia fun!

Peacegal says

This is a well-presented, interactive book that imparts basic facts about animals underneath an endless variety of flaps, "doors", and pop-ups.

I shudder to think what will happen to it when it makes it out of Cataloguing and onto our library shelves.
