

# Whales

## The Walking Whales

"A ... first-person account of the discoveries that brought to light the early fossil record of whales. As evidenced in the record, whales evolved from herbivorous forest-dwelling ancestors that resembled tiny deer to carnivorous monsters stalking lakes and rivers and to serpentlike denizens of the coast. Thewissen reports on his discoveries in the wilds of India and Pakistan, weaving a narrative that reveals the day-to-day adventures of fossil collection, enriching it with local flavors from South Asian culture and society"--Dust jacket flap.

## Whales, Whaling, and Ocean Ecosystems

"A must read for anyone interested in the ecology of whales, this timely and creative volume is sure to stimulate new research for years to come."—Annalisa Berta, San Diego State University

## The Sierra Club Handbook of Whales and Dolphins

Through color & black-and-white pictures & an extensive text, 76 species are described.

## Spying on Whales

"A palaeontological howdunnit...[Spying on Whales] captures the excitement of...seeking answers to deep questions in cetacean science." —Nature Called "the best of science writing" (Edward O. Wilson) and named a best book by Popular Science, a dive into the secret lives of whales, from their four-legged past to their perilous present. Whales are among the largest, most intelligent, deepest diving species to have ever lived on our planet. They evolved from land-roaming, dog-sized creatures into animals that move like fish, breathe like us, can grow to 300,000 pounds, live 200 years and travel entire ocean basins. Whales fill us with terror, awe, and affection--yet there is still so much we don't know about them. Why did it take whales over 50 million years to evolve to such big sizes, and how do they eat enough to stay that big? How did their ancestors return from land to the sea--and what can their lives tell us about evolution as a whole? Importantly, in the sweepstakes of human-driven habitat and climate change, will whales survive? Nick Pyenson's research has given us the answers to some of our biggest questions about whales. He takes us deep inside the Smithsonian's unparalleled fossil collections, to frigid Antarctic waters, and to the arid desert in Chile, where scientists race against time to document the largest fossil whale site ever found. Full of rich storytelling and scientific discovery, Spying on Whales spans the ancient past to an uncertain future--all to better understand the most enigmatic creatures on Earth.

## Among Whales

Taking readers on a journey across the spectrum of life to discover the answers to the larger questions of life on Earth, an eminent field biologist addresses a wide range of subjects--from the purpose of the brain to the possibilities of peaceful cohabitation among the world's creatures. 9 charts.

## The Lives of Hawai'i's Dolphins and Whales

Ocean currents, winds, and rainfall all work together to create a marine oasis around the Hawaiian Islands, providing a home for many species of dolphins and whales normally found in the deep oceans of the world.

The Lives of Hawai'i's Dolphins and Whales opens a window into the world of these mysterious creatures with stories and observations from author Robin W. Baird's work over the last seventeen years. The book includes exceptional full-color photographs of each species, life history descriptions, conservation threats, and maps showing sighting locations and movements of tagged individuals among the islands and offshore. While the well-known resident spinner dolphins and visiting humpback whales are covered, the ten species of lesser-known open-ocean dolphins and whales that are resident to the marine slopes of the islands are highlighted as well. Among these are endangered false killer whales, deep-diving Cuvier's and Blainville's beaked whales, abundant spotted dolphins, coastal bottlenose dolphins, cryptic dwarf sperm whales, family units of short-finned pilot whales, and social melon-headed whales. Baird also describes thirteen species of dolphins and whales that are found in offshore waters or are seasonal or occasional visitors to Hawaiian waters, including killer whales, the iconic sperm whale, and even blue whales and North Pacific right whales. More is known about the social organization and natural history of many of these marine mammals in Hawai'i than anywhere else in the world. For all of the species discussed, Baird presents data obtained from long-term photo-identification studies, with distinctive individuals tracked through time and space; for many of them, he includes findings from studies using genetics and satellite tagging. He also provides information on predators and prey, social organization, diving, and night-time behavior, along with suggestions on how to tell some of the more difficult to identify species apart. The book closes by focusing on conservation issues, both success stories and challenges, engaging readers to consider ways to protect Hawai'i's unique assemblage of resident dolphins and whales.

## **The Tale of the Whale**

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## **Whales**

Describes the physical and social characteristics of various whale species, including the first year of a humpback whale calf.

## **Whales (New & Updated)**

From the beloved science writer Gail Gibbons, immerse yourself in the sea in this illustrated look at the world's largest mammals for the littlest learners with the latest facts from experts in this new and updated edition. Did you know that whales breathe air just like people do? How about that a blue whale is one of the biggest mammals that ever lived? Discover these fascinating facts and more in this updated deep-dive into the biology of whales, including the latest information on whale sizes and statistics, how and why some whales use echolocation, and stories of recent whale rescue efforts. Perfect for young readers studying the natural world, simple text and watercolor art explore the anatomy, evolution, diet, and more of these majestic ocean creatures. Captions identify different species, vocabulary words (with pronunciations), and key facts. A "Whale Tales" section with bonus trivia is included at the end. Gail Gibbons is a titan in the field of children's nonfiction, having published over 120 nonfiction books for kids, including the Sharks and Sea Turtles, and having sold hundreds of thousands of books. Whales is a vital tool for anyone who wants to begin conversations with kids about the importance of protecting this magnificent species. This title is part of the Explore the World . . . with Gail Gibbons series, which promotes active learning, good citizenship, and student leadership.

## **Killer Whales of the World**

An in-depth introduction to a popular species of marine mammal and the various habitats in which it can be found. Annotation. Killer Whales of the World is an in-depth introduction to a ubiquitous, easily recognized, and popular species of marine mammal. Those interested in marine biology, marine animals, coastal conservation issues and animal lovers in general are sure to appreciate this book. This comprehensive and

highly informative book explains the origin of the name \"Killer Whale,\" where they can be found, their traveling behaviors and feeding habits, and some of the threats they face as a species. It also examines this well-known whale's place in popular culture. For those who just cannot seem to get enough of this hugely popular mammal, the book offers places to find additional information about killer whales and also gives some locations where readers can go to see the animal first hand. Annotation. Baird, a US biologist expert on killer whales (aka: orcas), helped relocate Keiko (of fame) to Iceland. He presents facts and research on these Cetaceans, where to see them, a conservation case study, and current thinking on whether there is more than one species. Includes color photos, distribution maps, and websites for further information. Oversize landscape format. Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com)

## **Good Night Whales**

Whales are some of the most astounding creatures on Earth. Featuring the giant blue whale, toothy sperm whale, and fascinating Arctic narwhal, young marine biologists journey across the world's great oceans in search of these magnificent mammals. But far more than just a whale book, *Good Night Whales* features a host of other creatures including seals, sea lions, manatees, sea otters, dolphins, walruses, orca, beluga whales, and polar bears.

## **North Atlantic Right Whales**

The fascinating story of North Atlantic right whales—from their evolutionary origin, through a thousand-year history of relentless pursuit by whalers, to ongoing efforts to rescue them from the brink of extinction. In the cold waters of the unforgiving North Atlantic Ocean, some of the heartiest humans of medieval days ventured out in search of whales. Through the centuries, people on both sides of the Atlantic became increasingly dependent on whale oil and other cetacean products. To meet this growing demand, whaling became ever more sophisticated and intense, leading to the collapse of what was once a seemingly inexhaustible supply of large cetaceans. Central to the whale's subsequent struggle for existence has been one species—the North Atlantic right whale. Conservationist David W. Laist now provides the first complete history of the North Atlantic right whale, from its earliest encounters with humans to its close brush with extinction, to its currently precarious yet hopeful status as a conservation icon. Favored by whalers because of their high yields of oil and superior baleen, these giants became known as \"the right whale to hunt,\" and their numbers dwindled to a mere 100 individuals worldwide. Their dire status encouraged the adoption of a ban on hunting and a treaty that formed the International Whaling Commission. Recovery of the species, however, has proven elusive. Ship strikes and entanglement in commercial fishing gear have hampered herculean efforts to restore the population. Today, only about 500 right whales live along the US and Canadian Atlantic coasts—an improvement from the early twentieth century, but still a far cry from the thousands that once graced Atlantic waters. Laist's masterpiece features an incredible collection of photographs and artwork that give life to the fascinating history that unfolds in its pages. The result is a single volume that offers a comprehensive understanding of North Atlantic right whales, the role they played in the many cultures that hunted them, and our modern attempts to help them recover.

## **Encyclopedia of Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises**

An award-winning author and whale researcher takes readers into 'the field' for an intimate encounter with some 90 species of cetaceans that make their homes in the world's oceans.

## **The Sound of Whales**

On a remote Scottish island, three children make a shocking discovery: two bodies on the beach, a whale and a man. Fraser and Hayley see it as the start of an adventure, but sensitive Dunny is distraught. What happened on the water just isn't natural ... and only by watching the whales can it be put right.

## **Listening to Whales**

A “warm, energetic memoir” (Publishers Weekly, starred review) and an impassioned study of the profound connection between humans and whales, from an award-winning marine researcher “[Morton’s] descriptions of [the whales’] lives and their haunting underwater communications are so vivid that they will remain with you long after you have read the last eloquent page.”—JANE GOODALL ONE OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR’S BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR For over three decades, Alexandra Morton has been at the forefront of whale and dolphin research, dedicating her life to the study of orcas (also known as killer whales). In *Listening to Whales*, she shares spellbinding stories about her career and what she has learned from and about these magnificent mammals. While working at Marineland in California in the late 1970s, Alexandra pioneered the recording of orca sounds by dropping a hydrophone into the tank of two killer whales. She recorded the varied language of mating, childbirth, and even grief after the birth of a stillborn calf. At the same time she made the startling observation that the whales were inventing wonderful synchronized movements, a behavior that was soon recognized as a defining characteristic of orca society. In 1984, Alexandra moved to a remote bay in British Columbia to continue her research with wild orcas. Her recordings of the whales have led her to a deeper understanding of the mystery of whale echolocation, the vocal communication that enables the mammals to find their way in the dark sea. Affecting and surprising, *Listening to Whales* will open your eyes anew to the wonders of the natural world.

## **The Cultural Lives of Whales and Dolphins**

Drawing on their own research as well as scientific literature including evolutionary biology, animal behavior, ecology, anthropology, psychology and neuroscience, two cetacean biologists submerge themselves in the unique environment in which whales and dolphins live. --Publisher's description.

## **When the Whales Walked**

*When the Whales Walked* is an exquisitely illustrated exploration of the most incredible events in evolution, through 13 case studies. Discover a world where whales once walked, crocodiles were warm-blooded, and rhinos ruled the Earth!

## **Whales and Dolphins**

A richly illustrated and thoroughly researched celebration of the best loved and most misunderstood mammal on our planet.

## **War of the Whales**

Joel Reynolds, a crusading attorney, and Ken Balcomb, a marine biologist, teamed up to expose the truth behind a submarine detection system that floods entire ocean basins with high-intensity sound and drives whales onto beaches.

## **Welcome Home, Whales**

In beautiful and soulful imagery, a whale visits a young child and tells him the story of her return home.

## **The World of Whales**

\ "Did you know that the biggest animal on Earth, the blue whale, only eats some of the smallest creatures in the ocean? That humpback whales sing underwater songs with lots of verses? Or that orcas can live with their families for their whole lives and bowhead whales can live for more than 200 years? *The World of Whales* explores the special characteristics and reveals mind-blowing facts about these fantastic animals. Join our

sub-aquatic expedition through the vast oceans of our planet.\" --

## **Whales of the World**

More than any other locale, the Pacific Ocean has been the meeting place between humans and whales. From Indigenous Pacific peoples who built lives and cosmologies around whales, to Euro-American whalers who descended upon the Pacific during the nineteenth century, and to the new forms of human-cetacean partnerships that have emerged from the late twentieth century, the relationship between these two species has been central to the ocean's history. *Across Species and Cultures: Whales, Humans, and Pacific Worlds* offers for the first time a critical, wide-ranging geographical and temporal look at the varieties of whale histories in the Pacific. The essay contributors, hailing from around the Pacific, present a wealth of fascinating stories while breaking new methodological ground in environmental history, women's history, animal studies, and Indigenous ontologies. In the process they reveal previously hidden aspects of the story of Pacific whaling, including the contributions of Indigenous people to capitalist whaling, the industry's exceptionally far-reaching spread, and its overlooked second life as a global, industrial slaughter in the twentieth century. While pointing to striking continuities in whaling histories around the Pacific, *Across Species and Cultures* also reveals deep tensions: between environmentalists and Indigenous peoples, between ideas and realities, and between the North and South Pacific. The book delves in unprecedented ways into the lives and histories of whales themselves. Despite the worst ravages of commercial and industrial whaling, whales survived two centuries of mass killing in the Pacific. Their perseverance continues to nourish many human communities around and in the Pacific Ocean where they are hunted as commodities, regarded as signs of wealth and power, act as providers and protectors, but are also ancestors, providing a bridge between human and nonhuman worlds.

## **Across Species and Cultures**

Covers the basic organization of all cetaceans; includes their evolution and behavioral patterns and discusses topical issues such as the bowhead hunts in Alaska and the changing attitudes to whales and their future.

## **Whales of the World**

Did you know the tongue of a blue whale can weigh as much as an elephant? Celebrated children's author Diane Swanson takes young readers into the exciting underwater world of whales with fun facts and colorful photographs. Tales of killer whales traveling as fast as race horses and belugas singing like canaries will captivate children. They will discover where whales swim, what they eat, and why they leap and splash. Includes a table of contents, index, sidebars, and full of extraordinary photography throughout.

## **Welcome to the World of Whales**

\"In *Watching Giants: The Secret Lives of Whales*, Elin Kelsey provides an in depth look into one of the world's most magnificent creatures. I'm sure these stories will amaze and inspire you as they did me. A joy to read.\"--Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE, Founder, The Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace  
\"*Watching Giants* is a wonderful book about animals whose complex social relationships and deep emotional lives are difficult to observe and even more difficult to understand. I know for certain that after reading this book, others will learn as much about whales and their underwater environment as I did from traveling with Elin Kelsey.\"--Marc Bekoff, author of *The Emotional Lives of Animals*, *Animals Matter*, and *Wild Justice: The Moral Lives of Animals*  
\"Prepare to be immersed in a different world. Like sitting down to a long dinner with a delightful and erudite friend who is about to tell you everything you need to know about the ocean, this absorbing book will let you see the ocean and its creatures in a way that you never imagined possible.\"--Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson, author of *When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Lives of Animals*  
\"*Watching Giants* reads like dispatches from the frontiers of marine science, covering everything from homosexuality in dolphins to whale intelligence, culture, and conservation with extraordinary insight.

Superbly written and highly recommended. --Erich Hoyt, Senior Fellow, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, and author of *Creatures of the Deep*

## **Watching Giants**

When all of the whales in the ocean leave their home to walk around on land, people don't quite know what to think. But soon shopkeepers go out of business, farms are flooded with water and salt, and people shout horrible, anti-whale words. That is, until, a smart little girl decides to ask the whales what everyone can do to help. A powerful and entertaining story about the environment from best-selling author, Nick Bland.

## **Walk of the Whales**

"Whales and Dolphins" takes young readers up close and personal to meet the aquatic mammal family and discover how amazing these creatures really are. Full color.

## **Discover Science: Whales and Dolphins**

Explores the physical characteristics, behavior, habitat, and feeding habits of this underwater mammal.

## **Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises**

Whales, the biggest mammals on Earth, live in the sea. See a giant whale leap into the air. Watch a mother whale give birth to her calf underwater. Compare different whales.

## **Whales**

The award-winning and USA Today bestselling story of a deaf girl's connection to a whale whose song can't be heard by his species, and the journey she takes to help him. "Fascinating, brave, and tender...a triumph." --Katherine Applegate, Newbery Award-winning author of *The One and Only Ivan* From fixing the class computer to repairing old radios, twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she's the only deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she's not very smart. If you've ever felt like no one was listening to you, then you know how hard that can be. When she learns about Blue 55, a real whale who is unable to speak to other whales, Iris understands how he must feel. Then she has an idea: she should invent a way to "sing" to him! But he's three thousand miles away. How will she play her song for him? Full of heart and poignancy, this affecting story by sign language interpreter Lynne Kelly shows how a little determination can make big waves. And make sure to read Lynne Kelly's next book and instant classic, *The Secret Language of Birds!*

## **Song for a Whale**

STEM for Kids ? Fun for Kids (Ages 8-10) #1 New Release in Children's Books: Environment & Ecology, Atlases, Anatomy, and Earthquake & Volcano In their debut illustrated science book for kids, the team behind the popular YouTube channel MinuteEarth answers all of your child's wackiest questions about animals, nature, and science alongside engaging images of the natural world. From the scientists, writers, and illustrators at MinuteEarth. Have you ever wondered where Earth's water came from? Or why leaves change color in the fall? Entertain and educate your kids with fun facts about animals, nature and the wonders of the earth. Amazing STEM for kids, explained simply. With over 300 million views, MinuteEarth simplifies such serious subjects as geology, ecology and biology making them fun for kids. Featuring their signature puns and fun illustrations, this first book in the MinuteEarth Explains series explores topics ranging from weird animal facts to extreme weather, making science for kids enjoyable and unforgettable. Curious questions about our awesome planet. Whether your child is obsessed with the wonder of nature, can't learn enough interesting facts about animals, or is fascinated by volcanoes, MinuteEarth Explains captures their

imagination and fosters an interest in animals, the Earth, and ocean life! By combining humor with rigorous research, this book provides fun facts about animals, nature, science and more in an equally engaging and informative way for kids. MinuteEarth Explains captivates kids with answers to: Why do some animals get gigantic? Why do rivers curve? Can plants talk? How much food is there on earth? And more! If you're looking for nature books for kids (8-10) or earth science books for kids? or if your child loves books such as The Big Book of Birds, Why?: 1,111 Answers to Everything, or The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth? then your whole family will love this debut book by MinuteEarth!

## **How Did Whales Get So Big?**

What's it like to be face-to-face with a killer whale? Here's your chance to find out. Fantastic photos of each species bring you closer than you've ever been to these amazing whales and dolphins. Cool insets and engaging text will delight animal lovers. Humpback whales leap into the air and splash back into the water. Underwater, they sing haunting songs to each other. Get an up-close look at this acrobatic ocean singer. Book jacket.

## **Humpback Whales Up Close**

The eighty-nine cetacean species that swim our seas and rivers are as diverse as they are intelligent and elusive, from the hundred-foot-long, two-hundred-ton blue whale to the lesser-known tucuxi, ginkgo-toothed beaked whale, and diminutive, critically endangered vaquita. The huge distances these highly migratory creatures cover and the depths they dive mean we catch only the merest glimpses of their lives as they break the surface of the water. But thanks to the marriage of science and technology, we are now beginning to understand their anatomy, complex social structures, extraordinary communication abilities, and behavioral patterns. In this beautifully illustrated guide, renowned marine mammalogist Annalisa Berta draws on the contributions of a pod of fellow whale biologists to present the most comprehensive, authoritative overview ever published of these remarkable aquatic mammals. Opening with an accessible rundown of cetacean biology—including the most recent science on feeding, mating, and communication—Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises then presents species-specific natural history on a range of topics, from anatomy and diet to distribution and conservation status. Each entry also includes original drawings of the species and its key identifiers, such as fin shape and color, tooth shape, and characteristic markings as they would appear both above and below water—a feature unique to this book. Figures of myth and—as the debate over hunting rages on—figures of conflict since long before the days of Moby-Dick, whales, dolphins, and porpoises are also ecologically important and, in many cases, threatened. Written for general enthusiasts, emergent cetacean fans, and biologists alike, this stunning, urgently needed book will serve as the definitive guide for years to come.

## **All about Whales!**

Teaches young readers everything they need to know about the largest mammals on earth: how they have evolved over millions of years, what and how they eat, their migration patterns, and more.

## **Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises**

In 1980 a group of scientists censusing marine mammals in the Bay of Fundy was astonished at the sight of 25 right whales. It was, one scientist later recalled, "like finding a brontosaurus in the backyard." Until that time, scientists believed the North Atlantic right whale was extinct or nearly so. The sightings electrified the research community, spurring a quarter century of exploration, which is documented here. The authors present our current knowledge about the biology and plight of right whales, including their reproduction, feeding, genetics, and endocrinology, as well as fatal run-ins with ships and fishing gear. Employing individual identifications, acoustics, and population models, Scott Kraus, Rosalind Rolland, and their colleagues present a vivid history of this animal, from a once commercially hunted commodity to today's life-

threatening challenges of urban waters. Hunted for nearly a millennium, right whales are now being killed by the ocean commerce that supports our modern way of life. This book offers hope for the eventual salvation of this great whale.

## A Book About Whales

Whaling has become one of the most controversial environmental issues. It is not that all whale species are at the brink of extinction, but that whales have become important symbols to both pro- and anti-whaling factions and can easily be appropriated as the common heritage of humankind. This book, the first of its kind, is therefore not about whales and whaling per se but about how people communicate about whales and whaling. It contributes to a better understanding and discussion of controversial environmental issues: Why and how are issues selected? How is knowledge on these issues produced and distributed by organizations and activists? And why do affluent countries like Japan and Norway still support whaling, which is of insignificant economic importance? Basing his analysis on fieldwork in Japan and Norway and at the International Whaling Commission, the author argues how an image of a "superwhale" has been constructed and how this image has replaced meat and oil as the important whale commodity. He concludes that the whaling issue provides an arena where NGOs and authorities on each side can unite, swapping political legitimacy and building personal relations that can be useful on issues where relations are less harmonious.

## The Urban Whale

Killer whales are found in all oceans of the world, but nowhere are they better known than in the coastal waters of Washington, British Columbia, and Southeastern Alaska, where 25 years of study have yielded many surprising discoveries about their natural history. One of the most remarkable is that two genetically distinct forms of killer whales reside in these waters. The two groups of whales do not associate and each leads a completely different lifestyle. Residents specialize in a diet of salmon and other fish, while transients are hunters of seals, sea lions, porpoises, and even large whales. Enigmatic and elusive, these mammal-hunting whales travel in small groups, often moving unpredictably. Transients contains the latest information on the natural history of transient killer whales, including their feeding habits, social lives, and distribution patterns. It also includes photographs of and notes on over 200 individual whales. Numerous sidebars contain interesting observations on encounters with transients as well as information on how and where to best watch them.

## Unveiling the Whale

Transients

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