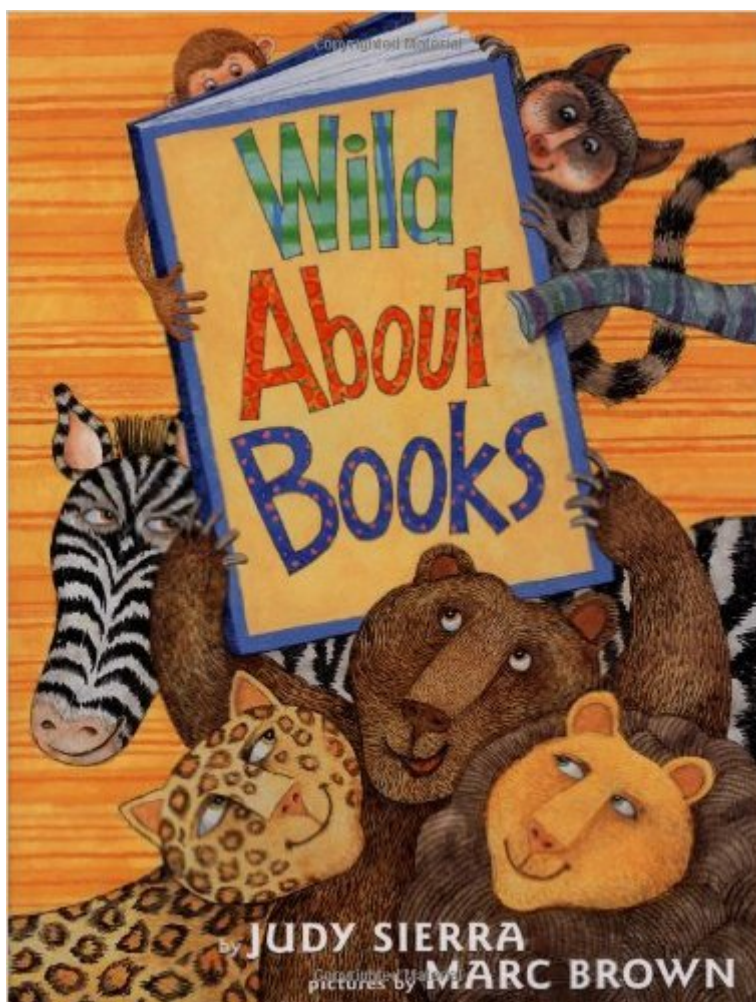


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Wild About Books



Synopsis

It started the summer of 2002, when the Springfield librarian, Molly McGrew, by mistake drove her bookmobile into the zoo. In this rollicking rhymed story, Molly introduces birds and beasts to this new something called reading. She finds the perfect book for every animal—tall books for giraffes, tiny ones for crickets. She even found waterproof books for the otter, who never went swimming without Harry Potter. In no time at all, Molly has them forsaking their niches, their nests, and their nooks, going wild, simply wild, about wonderful books. Judy Sierra's funny animal tale coupled with Marc Brown's lush, fanciful paintings will have the same effect on young Homo sapiens. Altogether, it's more fun than a barrel of monkeys!

Book Information

Hardcover: 40 pages

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers (January 1, 2004)

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Product Dimensions: 9.4 x 0.4 x 12.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (77 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Wild About Books is one of those kids' books that runs on all cylinders. The premise, the librarian drives the bookmobile into the zoo where the animals get hooked on reading, is original and full of opportunity. The language is simply fantastic--playful, sophisticated, rhythmic, full of great sounds and rhymes, and filled with puns aimed at older readers and adults. The artwork matches the language--bright and cheery, varied in color and size and layout, filled with as many visual jokes as linguistic ones. The book doesn't condescend to its intended audience of young children or to its secondary one--the adult reading it aloud. It is a bit long for the very young (two and under) but certainly three and up will find it a wonderful read and those who are between two and three will enjoy it as much if in truncated readings. Those 30 and up will enjoy it even more. One of the best

picture books of the past few years and highly recommended.

My three year old son and I love this new book! It has a Dr. Seuss flavor to it which makes it fun and easy to read. It did start more conversations about zoo animals that we don't normally talk about at this age too which has been fun.

A love of reading is one of the first things parents should teach their children - reading books, signs, newspapers, cereal boxes and reading for life! Ms. Sierra's book, *Wild About Books*, takes that love of reading a step beyond by showing how animals of all kinds can love books, too! Can you imagine a yak reading about grasses? A trout reading about flies? What about an elephant reading about the latest stealth methods? Judy Sierra can! And Marc Brown can draw these amazing animals, too! As a mom with four avid readers, *Wild About Books* is a wonderful, imagination-opening adventure into the zoobrary - combining a love of reading with a love of animals. The Seuss-like words flow from your lips as fast as the rabbits and gnus can turn the pages. The ideas and conversations that flowed after reading this book were nearly as much fun as the books - one daughter wanted to go directly to our local zoo...another took the book outside to read to our dog...the youngest wanted to know more about each animal...and on and on! Books are written to be read and listened to. They are illustrated to draw the reader into the story content. Ms. Sierra and Mr. Brown have truly captured their young audience with both - giving insight into a flowing zoo world, while opening up the imagination of the child. The Queen's kids rate *Wild About Books* all 10 piggies!

Wow. Grade-A book and tons of fun that a mom (and dad) can really love. As mentioned by a previous reviewer, the rhythm and rhyme are wonderful. We read a great deal of poetry - Seuss, Goose, Silverstein, Emerson, Whitman -- and the quality of Ms. Sierra's prose really stands out as being worth the reading. And, of course, hubby and I really like that all of the excitement is about books. [We're big book readers in our family, but I don't think enough good press can be had for books, reading and libraries.] The artwork is imaginative and fun as well, with plenty of the more uncommon children's animals listed. Onyx and skinks, gnu and bandicoots, for example. Five Stars. Great read-aloud. Great rhythm and rhyme. Fun pictures. It all adds up to a good time for children and adults alike. Definitely worth buying. A sample follows so you may judge for yourself: "Raccoons read alone and baboons read in bunches, And llamas read dramas while eating their lunches. Hyenas shared jokes with the red-bellied snakes, And they howled and they hissed till their

funny bones ached."

What a totally delightful book! My granddaughter loved it, and equally important, so did I as the outloud reader. Judy Sierra's wit is clever enough to appeal to both the child and the child within us. Recommend it totally.

I bought one for each of my two grandchildren and plan on it as christmas gifts for nieces and nephews! This book is delightful and fom babies to school age children, I'm sure adults will enjoy reading it to children of all ages. I loved the story,the huge variety of animals, ryhming words, bright colours and illustrations. The ideas of what books the animals read according to their species were very cute. Having worked in a library for the past 8 years it was wonderful to see the authors subtle hints on teaching children on how to respect and take care of books and the plugs for other great titles and authors. Books are a wonderful gift that can be opened again and again.

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