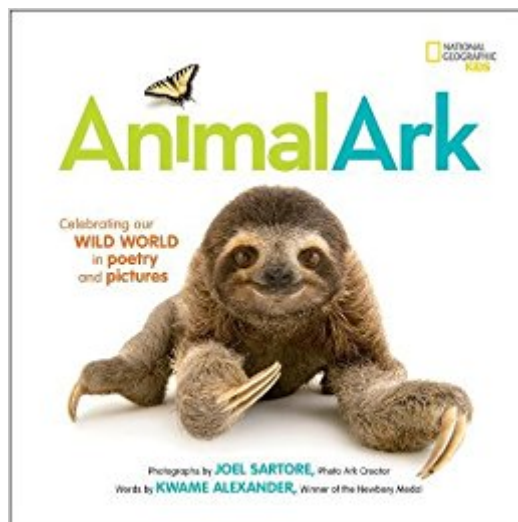




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Animal Ark: Celebrating Our Wild World In Poetry And Pictures (National Geographic Kids)



Synopsis

A howling wolf, a stalking tiger, a playful panda, a dancing bird – pairing the stunning photography of National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore with the delicate poetry of Newbery award-winning author Kwame Alexander, this lush picture book celebrates the beauty, diversity, and fragility of the animal world. Featuring more than 40 unique animal portraits, the pages invite kids to explore each creature's markings, textures, and attributes in stunning detail, while calling on all of us to help protect each and every one. Three picture-packed gatefolds inside showcase even more familiar and exotic species. These images are part of Sartore's lifelong project to photograph every animal in the world, with special attention given to disappearing and endangered species.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"In their brevity and directness, poems and photographs have much in common, Alexander points out in a note in this striking collaborative book....The words cut deep: 'Remember, we are part of forever.'" -- The New York Times "Alexander and Sartore have crafted a stunning journey through the animal kingdom...Alexander's haiku is lively and at times deceptively light, containing lines that carry with it the staggering weight of conservation and extinction, hope and loss..." VERDICT Ideal for sharing one-on-one or with a small group, this impassioned

and timely call to reevaluate our relationship with nature is a must-have for poetry collections."

-*School Library Journal* Starred Review "The Newbery medalist matches bursts of poetic commentary to dozens of dramatic close-ups, mostly of creatures classified as endangered or threatened... Beautiful photos, with an impact heightened... by the accompanying words." -- Kirkus "The world's threatened species are celebrated in gorgeously hued colored photos and haiku in this engaging informational picture book... Sartore's eye-catching photographs, accompanied by Alexander's poetry • most notably the multistanza "Chorus of Creatures" • movingly affirms that "our actions matter • and may lead readers to endeavor to help save these endangered species." -- Booklist "Featuring more than 40 unique animal portraits, the pages invite kids to explore each creature's markings, textures, and attributes in stunning detail, while calling on all of us to help protect each and every one." -- The Children's Book Review.

KWAME ALEXANDER is a poet, educator, and New York Times bestselling author of 21 books, including *The Crossover*, which received the 2015 John Newbery Medal for the Most Distinguished Contribution to American Literature for Children. His other recent works include *Booked*, *Surf's Up*, and *He Said, She Said*. He is the founder of Book-in-a-Day, a student-run publishing program that has created more than 3,000 student authors in 75 schools; and LEAP for Ghana, an international literacy project that builds libraries, trains teachers, and empowers children through literature. In 2015, Kwame served as Bank Street College of Education's first writer-in-residence.

JOEL SARTORE is the founder of the Photo Ark, a photographer, speaker, author, teacher, conservationist, National Geographic Fellow, regular contributor to National Geographic magazine. In addition to the work he has done for National Geographic, Sartore has contributed to Audubon Magazine, Geo, Sports Illustrated, The New York Times, the Smithsonian magazine and numerous book projects.

This book is truly amazing. After seeing the PhotoArk exhibit at National Geographic here in DC, it was a given the photos would be extraordinary, and they are... But then with the addition of the Haiku - such a perfect combination with such beautiful messages!

This was a gift for a young friend. I read it and love the fact that National Geographic photographers took the photos, as I am an amateur photographer myself.

was hoping for more reading opportunity for my 5 and 7 yr old grandkids, but primarily a picture book with a brief global story, great pictures. if each animal had a little story to go with it I think it would be a better investment. but who can resist the cover alone, right?

Have given this book as gifts on multiple occasions and book was well received.

Well done ,nice layout, beautiful photos

my kids love this book

First, are you kidding me with this cover...supreme cuteness overload!!! A baby sloth?!?!? Come on...so adorable! This book poem is AMAZING...the pictures, the words dancing along the pages allowing the reader to be introduced to so many animals is a reading sensation. This book is sheer joy, love and smiles from cover to cover!!! This book focuses on the need to conserve the beauty of nature, to embrace the all the animals and to take care of the world we live in. This book highlights every species in captivity...let that sink in...that is no small feat. This book is such a gift to the world to showcase and highlight these amazing creatures for future generations to see. There are 100 pictures to see within this book and they are all stunning, vibrant and awe inspiring. I have never really seen a book like this before and that is what makes it so special. This book is a MUST for everyone to own a copy...it is really that wonderful. Buy it, you won't regret it...I PROMISE!

The world is full of wonder. Animals and humans alike are what makes this world so very special. But if we are not careful we could see our world, their world slip away right before our eyes. This colorful guide with extraordinary pictures of animals from the earth, sky and sea are depicted in a way that pleads to us to be sure to take care of them and help them survive. “Our actions matter. They reach to the smallest of us. And the biggest. Remember, we are part of forever. Zipping and zooming and diving and dashing from place to place. Angels with fins and iridescent armies on the move. Blending for protection Blending with the moon. Nature is genius. This is our home. Listen. We are unique. We share a story. A beginning, a middle and if we are not careful and end.” Kwame Alexander The words and photos will move you. Each animal, insect, and fish depicted seemingly pleads to the reader to notice them and hear them ask for our help for their very survival. A sea urchin photo has words across the page “a thousand silent waving arms grab hold of us!” A photo of a bat

has words in bright yellow that read “wings like a cape, ready for flight into the sweet, dark night.” Colorful butterflies, a monkey, leopard, and tiny octopus are also found here. Parents and teachers along with young readers will be inspired by all of these wonderful creatures and exhilarating photography. The back pages have a note from the photographer and the writer. There is even a definition of what a Haiku is which is what readers will be enjoying throughout this book. A colorful guide is also here providing readers with the types of animals shared.

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