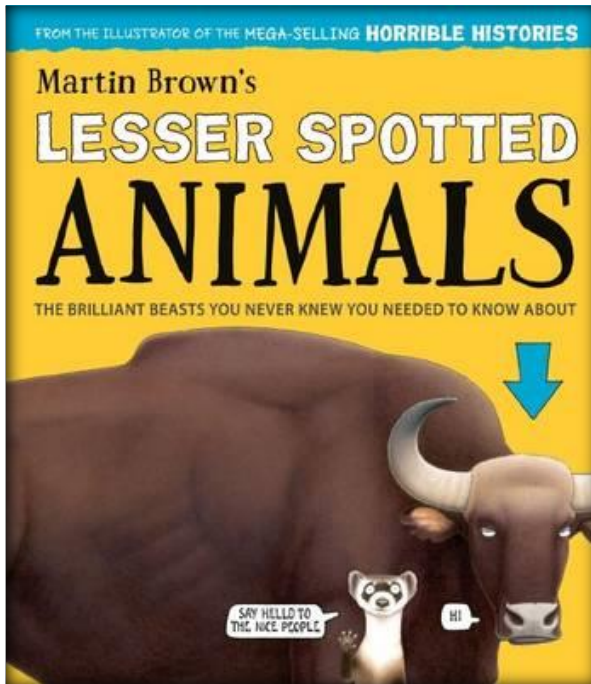


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Martin Brown's Lesser Spotted Animals**

Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.



Daniel Bisland, age 9

This book is about lots of animals that aren't well-known such as the Crabeater Seal, Sand Cat, Southern Right Whale Dolphin and Ili Pika, so if you are looking for common animals, you won't find them in this great book!

The book gives you these important details about each animal:

What their size is.

What they eat.

Where they live.

What their status is (not evaluated,

endangered and vulnerable).

I learnt these facts (and many more!):

A Russian Desman is like an underwater mole and eats frogs.

The Hirola is critically endangered and there are less than 400 left!

The Dagger Tooth Flower Bat is harmless and is a hero, but how?

*I really liked this book and give it 5*****. I recommend it to 7+ 'Horrible History' fans as it's illustrated by the same person (Martin Brown). **I would like to read more books like this as this book has taught me a lot!***

*This is my first non-fiction book review and **this is the best non-fiction book I've ever read!***

Lewis Briggs, age 10

*Intriguing and exciting, funny and excellent! This book made me laugh my socks off! **This non-fiction book is written in a really interesting, humorous way, suitable for children.** It made me really think about the environment and I learnt some great facts about lesser spotted animals. I will definitely be recommending this book to my friends; **it's just so fantastic, I couldn't put the book down!***

Sue Wilsher

Everyone knows about tigers and lions. We all know that orangutans are endangered, but who's heard of the Cuban Solenodon or the Grey-Shanked Douc Langur? This book is all about lesser known species.

***Martin Brown (well known for his Horrible Histories illustrations) has chosen a fascinating selection of animals which you probably haven't heard of.** They are the 'brilliant beasts you ever knew you needed to know about'!*

*The book is **the perfect mix of high quality information, humour and brilliant illustrations.** For example, we are told all about the Numbat (Toothy termite-eater of the Australian west) - also known as the Banded Anteater-whose cheeky cartoon picture says, 'And you thought meercats were cute.' There is a small fact box about each creature, showing us where in the world the animal comes from as well as its status, what they eat and their relative size (The numbat is 'a bit bigger than a guinea pig').*

Not all the animals selected are endangered; there are some whose status is 'least concern'. However, as the final note of the book says, 'There are perhaps 5,500 species of mammal out there in the world, but we only get to see a tiny fraction of that number. We'd need 238 books just like this one to show you all the rest.' Well, I, for one, look forward to reading them all.

Toby Little, age 9

I really liked this book because I like animals, and this book tells you lots of things about animals I had never heard of!

'Martin Brown's Lesser Spotted Animals' is a brilliant book written by Martin Brown (surprise, surprise). For all my life, I have been really interested in animals, and in this book, you can learn about loads of different animals. Like

the dagger-toothed flower bat, which is a lot less dangerous than it sounds, and which pollinates fruit trees in South-East Asia. My favourite animal from this book was the sand cat. The sand cat can camouflage itself to look like sand, which is good, because it lives in the desert!

The illustrations in this book were very good, Martin Brown is the illustrator of Horrible Histories, which I really like. My favourite was the drawing of the long-tailed dunnart, which looks like a mouse, but isn't a mouse! It's a marsupial, and closer related to a kangaroo than a mouse!

I think people who love animals would enjoy this book, because you can find out about animals that not many people know about. I think the age range of this book is about 6-12 years old – there are some hard words in it, for example psammophilic, which means sand-loving, but there is a glossary at the end of the book for if you don't know any of the words.

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Matilda Scarbrow, age 8, Baring School

*I would recommend this book to anyone who is bored of reading about koalas and lions. **It tells you really interesting facts about animals that you have never heard of, for example the Lesser Fairy Armadillo.***

Each page summarises where the strange animal comes from, what they eat and their status. It then gives funny facts and more details about each one's habitats, for example a crabeater seal does not eat crabs!

***The illustrations are both beautiful and funny.** I really enjoyed the way the artist had drawn them.*

The index page and glossary are clear even for people who are not great readers.

My favourite pages were about Ili Pika and the Lesser Fairy Armadillo because they were so small and funny.

I will definitely be buying a copy once it is in the shops.

Overall scores:-

Quality of information – 10/10

Range of information – 10/10

Layout – 10/10

Pictures – 10/10

Overall – 40/40”

Ross O’Gorman, age 10

This is a brilliant book filled with informative and humorous facts about 21 animals that many people probably don't even know exist. I loved the colour illustrations and the funny speech bubbles. I loved reading about all these different animals. My favourites were the Numbat and the Ili Pika. He gives lots of facts about each animal but he makes it interesting and adds in plenty of humour, to ensure lots of laughs. It was also good to know which animals are endangered. My whole family enjoyed this book and I even brought it into school to show my class and it was a big hit.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk

*A brilliant book about rare animals, some of which you probably have never heard of. **Highly recommend to any age, boy or girl, even adults, as my mum found it funny and educational! What a fantastic book.** I hadn't heard of a lot of these animals covered in this book. Fabulous illustrations. Really humorous. Each animal has a double page of information which includes its size, what they eat, where they are found and how common they are, along with lots of other interesting facts. I really learnt a lot from this book while I had fun and laughed at the same time. This book would definitely make reading and learning fun. **10 out of 10 from me!***