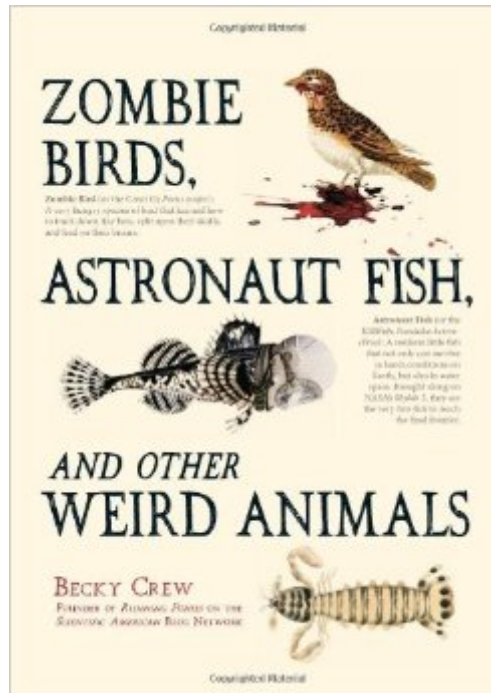


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# Zombie Birds, Astronaut Fish, And Other Weird Animals



## Synopsis

Take a walk on the weird side! Astronaut fish swimming in zero gravity? Fluffy little birds hungry for brains? Transformer butterflies morphing in midair? It's either a bad trip or one crazy safari. Becky Crew takes you on the latter by mixing serious scientific facts with lighthearted anthropomorphic stories. Each animal profile starts with a short, humorous day-in-the-life-of bit that leads into the real science of these really strange creatures. Becky keeps things fresh by mixing in her wit with the interesting facts. From naked mole rat reproduction to the Wolverine-style defenses of Cameroon's hairy frogs, *Zombie Birds, Astronaut Fish, and Other Weird Animals* packs enough information for one heck of a nature walk.

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## Customer Reviews

Interesting read, I've done research on a few of the animals contained in the book, and factually it's great. Humor was at times hit and miss for me but, that's just personal as my wife found it all quiet funny. Overall great book, interesting subject matter, and well written. I would definitely recommend picking this up for yourself or the amateur zoologist in your life.

I bought this book on a whim, and I was pleasantly surprised. The core of the book is a series of small chapter entries on various odd animals, all of which is very science-savvy, and many are up-to-the-minute with recent discoveries. Most of the animals are truly odd or at least very novel. I truly treasure this book for its amazing content and readability, I have read it 2 times already. The book's only shortcoming are the Gary-Larson style fictional interludes, with the strange animals

talking and being talked about as if they were comical characters. I flat out skipped all these parts the first time, reading them the second time. I admit, they are funny and quirky anthropomorphism, but not the most stunning literature, and not suitable for children (swearing). I did not deduct any points about this matter, because from my perspective it doesn't detract from the book, it's just a small literary garnish. I myself am neither a parent, teacher, or child, so I am not offended by the numerous f-bombs and general hipster cartoon style. If you are a blogosphere-loving, science-fan, looking for some odd animals with a good helping of scientific vigor, give this book a look.

I don't know who her target audience is, but it is not your junior high kid who otherwise might be interested in zombie birds. Ms. Crew drops the "F" bomb in the introduction and throws at least one four-lettered surprise into each of the chapters I luckily previewed instead of handing it to my son to read. I had to get rid of it. I'm sorry, but this otherwise interesting book will not be welcome on my home library shelf.

Intelligent, groovy and quirky look at the private lives of some very obscure animals. A unique combination of contemporary science facts and flights of fancy.

a must read for all who love the weird, the wacky and the fascinating of all creature great and small. I can't wait for the next one!

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