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Let's-Read-and-Find-Out about

Endangered Animals

Have you seen a northern hairy-nosed wombat or an eastern barred bandicoot? These animals are so rare, they might disappear forever, and they're not alone. Read and find out about some of the animals that are almost gone.

Introduce basic science concepts to young children and help satisfy their curiosity about how the world works.

Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals Details

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Dolly says

This is a very informative book about endangered and extinct animals, as well as a few that are coming back due to conservation efforts. The narrative for each animal is short and focuses on the estimated numbers remaining (if any) as well as the threats to their survival.

The illustrations by Steve Jenkins are terrific, as always. We always look for his books at our local library. The animals have wonderful mixed media shading. And the map at the end of the book shows that the problem is a world-wide issue.

We read this book slowly, covering just a few pages at a time, so we could more fully appreciate the severity of the situation.

What I didn't do, however, was explain that since this book was first published in 2006, the list may have changed substantially, with more animals added, I fear. Still, it was an engaging read and we really enjoyed reading this book together.

Laura says

Grade: 2-3

Topic: living organisms, endangered animals

This book is a good source for students to learn a little about certain endangered animal species in the world. If a student likes learning about animals they might choose to read this book about rare animals. In 3rd grade students could even use a book like this to start them off in an informational research writing assignment.

Randie D. Camp, M.S. says

Jenkins, Steve. (2006). *Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals*. New York: HarperCollinsPublishers.

Literary Genre: Informational (Picture Book)

Jenkins teams with the long-time running "Let's-Read-And-Find-Out Science series" to introduce young readers to 28 endangered animals...before they're gone. Each animal is introduced with its species name, location, and the number of animals left; followed by a paragraph sharing where it used to be found, facts about its size and appearance, what it eats, and reasons for the animal's endangerment. A section of the book is dedicated to the Moa, Steller's Sea Cow, Tasmanian Wolf, and the Guam Flying Fox because these animals are gone forever. Jenkins ends his book by sharing that not all endangered animals become extinct, with hard work they can come back, just like the Whooping Crane and Alpine Inex. Jenkins famous colorful, cut-paper collages depict all 28 of these marvelous creatures.

I was delighted when I came across this book at the library. I read Jenkins' books, *Actual Size and Bigger*,

Stronger, Fastest a few years ago and they are favorites at our house. Steve Jenkins' works are well known and can be trusted to be accurate and authentic, this paired with his structured organization, and appealing illustrations qualify this book to be deemed quality children's informational literature. My son loves animals. His favorite bird is the California Condor, so it was fun reading that page with him. I was born in San Diego and have early memories of going to the zoo, so animals are also an interest of mine. I feel that it is important to share books (such as this) about endangered animals with young readers because it helps them to make the connection between our lifestyle and the effects it has the environment and animals living in the environment.

Joolissa says

A lovely and informative intro to some endangered species. It cleverly starts off by introducing the idea and consequences of extinction using an everyday backyard bird species and then proceeds to give the reader some quick facts and estimated animals left for a number of endangered species. It also includes information on some extinct animals and some species that have recovered. The accompanying illustrations are absolutely gorgeous cut paper full of detail and wonderful textures that represent each species splendidly. A great read for classrooms and anyone who loves animals.

boekverslaafde says

Something that cannot be stressed enough, are endangered species! This is a wonderful books to teach kids about the animals and what's happening to them. This is a subject that needs to be brought up to kids at a very young age, so they know what's going on, and the sooner they know about it, the more apt they are to grow up and do something about it. I've read this to my child, and the kids at the elementary school I volunteer at. Uncountable.times. The children love it and ask more questions about the animals, ask why they're disappearing, ask why can't we help them. It's amazing how 2nd & 3rd graders seem to care more about the earth and it's inhabitants than the general population does!

Shaundell says

Written and illustrated by award-winning Steve Jenkins. This book helps readers to see some of the world's most endangered animals. Included in the back is a map so readers can see where in the world these animals live. Very informative!

Mae says

Summary: This informational book shows a drawing of an endangered animal with a location, a rough estimate of how many remain, and a brief description of the animal and how it came to be endangered. At the end of the book, there is a 2 page spread of animals that are recovering from being endangered followed by a map on the end-papers so that children can find where the animal lives(d) on the map.

Critique: artwork. The artwork in this book has a amazing texture - despite it's being strictly 2d. For

example, the rabbit on page 12 almost looks snuggly. The miami blue butterfly on the facing page clearly has moth-like fur on it's wings. I'm not sure how that texture is achieved, but it is remarkable.

Curricular Connection: This book would be wonderful for teaching geography as each endangered animal is from a different location. The animals could be researched in a jigsaw and then attached to a world map as part of the group's presentation.

Alicia says

Genre: Informational

Summary: An exploration of the many of the world's rarest animals, many of which are close to extinction.

Area for comment: Organization

B. The organization of the information within this book is very clear and concise, allowing the reader to understand the concepts presented by the author. The introduction is particularly significant because it speaks directly to the reader, allowing them to gain a better understanding of the severity of animals become extinct. C. The introduction informs the reader not only of the pleasurable aspects that certain animals provide for us (such as the chickadee's ability to sing sweet tunes), but also how these animals are important to the whole world. This explanation of how the chickadee affects food webs and other species allows the reader to visualize how significant a single animal can be within the whole realm of the animal culture.

The organization of the species name, location, and approximate number still living in the world, along with the detailed information, (which includes the issues that are placing the animal in danger such as "the use of pesticides") as well as, the artful illustration of the animal, altogether enable the reader to gain a comprehensive understanding of each of the endangered species discussed. More importantly, the blend of both factual and historically accurate information greatly enlightens readers on the significance of preserving these special animals.

Curriculum connection: I would love to use this as a guide for students when studying endangered species. I also believe this book could be used as a great example of organizing informative texts; as students write informative pieces, they could use this book as a reference since the organization used is informative and precise.

Alison Flemming says

Almost Gone: the World's Rarest Animals by Steve Jenkins (Harper Collins Publishers 2006). 33p.
Informational.

Summary: This book tells about animals that are almost extinct along with a few animals that are already gone. It gives a map at the end of where the animals that are mentioned in the book live.

Critique:

a. There are many animals discussed throughout the book. The name of the animal, where they live and even how many of those animals are left are on each page. There are great illustrations that go well to show what the animals look like. There is also a small description of each animal as well.

In Steve Jenkins book, Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals we learn about the Miami Blue Butterfly from Florida, the Assam Rabbit from the Himalaya Mountains, the Bactrian Camel from Mongolia and twenty four other animals that are almost gone, extinct and about few that are coming back. This is a wonderful animal book for your science area in the primary grades classrooms. The illustrations have an interesting quality to them. They look like they have been cut out of different color paper. Very beautiful!

NS Kelley says

Almost gone is an informational book about endangered species. At the beginning of the book it gives a child friendly definition on what makes a species of animals endangered. Throughout the book it gives a brief overview of each identified animal, it's history, and how it became endangered. At the end of the story is has a list of the animals with numbers next to them. There is a corresponding map so that students are able to identify where the animals live around the world.

This wonderful book would be great to use with older elementary and middle school students. The illustrations are simple, yet detailed enough for students to understand the significant characteristics of each animal. I really enjoyed the beginning of the book where the author talked about what it means to be an endangered species. I also felt that the map at the end of the story was very meaningful, especially for visual learners. This book provided several passages to help learners remember endangered animals!
