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# The Iridescence Of Birds A Book About Henri Matisse

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Grandpa Green Penguin

“ There ’ s a special providence in the fall of a sparrow. ” --William Shakespeare, Hamlet B fell twenty-five feet from his nest into the life of Chris Chester. The encounter was providential for both of them. B and Chester spent hours together playing games like bottle-cap fetch or hide-and-seeK. They learned “ words ” in each other ’ s vocabularies. B developed a

fetish for nostrils and a dislike of the color yellow. He grew anxious if Chester came home late from work. At bedtime he would rub his sleepy eyes on Chester ’ s thumb and settle to sleep in his palm. Chester ended up turning part of his house into an aviary and adjusting his social life to meet B ’ s demands. This was a small price to pay, though, for the trust and comfort of a twenty-five-gram friend who brought joy and wonder back into his life.

The Laws Guide to Drawing Birds Scholastic Inc. A celebration of the diversity and evolution of birds, as depicted in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's magnificent 2,500-square-foot Wall of Birds mural by artist Jane Kim. Part homage, part artistic and sociological journey, The Wall of Birds tells the story of birds' remarkable 375-million-year evolution. With a foreword by

John W. Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and full of lush photographs of gorgeous life-size birds painted in exacting detail, The Wall of Birds lets readers explore these amazing creatures family by family and continent by continent. Throughout, beautifully crafted narratives and intimate artistic reflections tell of the evolutionary forces that created birds' dazzling variety of forms and colors, and reveal powerful lessons about birds that are surprisingly relevant to contemporary human challenges. From the tiny five-inch Marvelous Spatuletail hummingbird to the monstrous thirty-foot Yutyranus, The Wall of Birds is a visual feast, essential for bird enthusiasts, naturalists, and art lovers alike. John Gould's Hummingbirds Macmillan An inspiring portrait of one of the world's most loved artists There was once a boy named Henri, whose dreams were full of

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color even though his hometown was dreary and gray. His parents expected him to learn a trade when he grew up, but being a law clerk bored him, and he continued to dream of a colorful, exciting life, and of being noticed. Then Henri started painting . . . and kept painting and dreaming and working at his craft until he'd become one of the most admired and famous artists in the world. This lyrical, visually rich picture book is more than an excellent biography; at its core, this remarkable book is an encouragement to never give up on your dreams.

**Birds of Paradise** Booksales

You don't need to travel to experience the joy of bird-watching: just take a look at the pigeons in your nearby park! With this fun, quirky, and scientifically correct field guide to the most common bird in most cities, you'll learn to see pigeons and doves (they're the same thing) with a bird-watcher's expertise, understanding their fascinating behavior and appreciating nature right outside your window.

**Nests, Eggs, Birds** Roaring

Brook Press

For fans of all things that go this noisy alphabet book explores construction equipment from A to Z. Find out about these construction machines and

more, from a huge saw that cuts through roads to a massive vacuum that sucks up boulders. You'll even learn a quick and easy recipe for concrete. Rock crushers, jackhammers, and wrecking balls will delight the youngest of readers learning their ABCs. Jerry Pallotta's trademark humor punctuates the informative text. Vibrant oil paintings bring to life a busy construction site.

*Sky Tree* Holiday House

A tree stands on a hill by a river. As the sky changes, so does the tree, its branches filling with clouds, stars, snow, birds, mists, and the golden spring sun. One tree can mean many things. Thomas Locker's lyrical text records the changes in the tree's world just as simply as a child might observe them, and his magnificent paintings crystallize the natural phenomena that embellish the tree on each page. Questions

at the bottom of each page lead to a unique discussion in the back of the book, where art and science are intertwined, and further depth is added to the wonder of *Sky Tree*.

*Here Come the Girl Scouts! The Amazing All-True Story of Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low and Her Great Adventure* Shambhala Publications

Discover the world's birds, their homes, and their eggs in this gorgeously illustrated, entertaining, and educational guide. Did you know that the tailorbird "sews" leaves together to make its nest? Or that hummingbird eggs are the size of jellybeans? Birds are some of the world's most beautiful and interesting creatures, and their nests and eggs are no exception, displaying a stunning diversity of shapes, sizes, functions, and materials. In *Nests, Eggs, Birds*, celebrated artist and

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author Kelsey Oseid explores the fascinating ins and outs of where and how dozens of avian species--robins, birds of paradise, crows, owls, penguins, and more--make their homes and lay their eggs. Full of striking naturalistic art and fun scientific facts, *Nests, Eggs, Birds* will delight bird lovers of all ages.

**Another Way to Climb a Tree** Color Yourself Smart

The amazing, all-true story of the first Girl Scouts and their visionary founder. Juliette Gordon Low--Daisy to her friends and family--was not like most girls of the Victorian era. Prim and proper? BOSH! Dainty and delicate? HOW BORING! She loved the outdoors, and she yearned for adventure! Born into a family of pathfinders and pioneers, she too wanted to make a difference in the world--and nothing would stop her. Combining her ancestors' passion for service with her own adventurous spirit and her belief that girls could do anything, she founded the Girl Scouts. One hundred years later, they continue

to have adventures, do good deeds, and make a difference!

Game Bird Carving Macmillan Presents all sixty of the painter's insect motifs that are known to exist, and supplements each image with an entomological description.

*Mr. Crum's Potato Predicament* A&C Black

Legendary bird carver Larry Barth has created a stunning retrospective of his life's work, including sculptures from museum exhibits and rarely seen pieces from private collections. This is a must-have book for every bird lover, carver, and anyone who appreciates fine sculptural art.

*Beetles and Other Insects* powerHouse Books

A biography of Leonardo Fibonacci, the 12th century mathematician who discovered the numerical sequence named for him.

**Extraordinary Birds** Stackpole

Books

A grieving boy remembers his grandfather and the hobby they shared, in this moving evocation of love and loss by a Newbery Medalist. Milo's grandfather is fascinated by birds. He admires their freedom and never loses an opportunity to point out the things that make each one special. When he can no longer see as well as he used to, Milo helps him spot and take care of some of his favorites: hovering kestrels, fragile chickadees, and the bald eagle soaring high overhead. One day when Milo comes home, Grandpa isn't there. But when the boy sees an eagle swooping through the sky above, he knows Grandpa is still with them: reborn in the skies, just as he'd wanted. This honest, reflective, and deeply moving portrait of grief offers

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young readers comfort and hope in difficult times. When Grandfather Flew celebrates the close, beautiful relationships between children and grandparents, and the unique ways we keep lost loved ones close. With a lyrical text by acclaimed author Patricia MacLachlan and vivid, textural artwork by Chris Sheban, this wistful story will resonate with anyone who has felt the loss of a loved one-- and will remind you to look for the reminders of the love you shared. A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

*A Small Thing . . . But Big*  
Heyday Books

When Little Red Chicken comes home excited about what she learned in school, she explains to Papa that every story has "an elephant of surprise."  
*Sunbirds* Kids Can Press Ltd

The New York Pigeon is a photography book that reveals the unexpected beauty of the omnipresent pigeon as if Vogue magazine devoted its pages to birds, rather than fashion models. In spite of pigeons' ubiquity in New York and other cities, we never really see them closely and know very little about their function in the urban ecosystem. This book brings to light the intriguing history, behavior and splendor of a bird that we frequently overlook. The New York Pigeon reveals the unexpected beauty of our omnipresent pigeon. Employing exquisite portraiture that one might find in a fashion magazine, the book features this underappreciated urban bird in a fresh, glamorous light. Finally, the much maligned pigeon gets its 15 minutes. "stool pigeon..."

"rats with wings..." Why? What did pigeons ever do to deserve such disrespect? (They mind their own business, they saved lives in World War I and II, and they're beautiful to boot.) Andrew Garn seeks to right this egregious wrong-- through his keen eye, the pigeon is photographed in all its unexpected glory--elevated to its rightful place as a wondrous being of beauty and grace, soaring though time and space. You will never look at pigeons the same way again. In spite of pigeons' ubiquity in New York and other cities, we never really see them closely and know very little about their function in the urban ecosystem. For many New Yorkers, pigeons are the "gateway drug" to nature. The result of eight years of passionate inquiry, The New

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York Pigeon is a photographic study of the birds' power and allure. The dramatic, hyper-real individual studio portraits capture their personalities, expressiveness, glorious feather iridescence, and deeply hued eyes. High-speed strobe photography illustrates the pigeons' graceful flight and dramatic wing movements. While *The New York Pigeon* is primarily a photography book, it also tells part of the 5,000-year story of the feral pigeon and their long association with humans. How did Harvard psychologist B.F. Skinner teach pigeons to do complicated tasks, from tracking missile targets to recognizing individual human faces? How do pigeons find their way back home from hundreds of miles away? *The New York Pigeon* lovingly

describes and illuminates the wonder of nature alive in our midst. With this book, the beautiful, savvy, graceful, kind pigeon will be invisible no more.

### **Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise**

Anchor  
On May 27th, 1784, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart met a flirtatious little starling in a Viennese shop who sang an improvised version of the theme from his Piano Concerto no. 17 in G major. Sensing a kindred spirit in the plucky young bird, Mozart bought him and took him home to be a family pet. For three years, the starling lived with Mozart, influencing his work and serving as his companion, distraction, consolation, and muse. Two centuries later, starlings are reviled by even the most compassionate conservationists. A nonnative, invasive species, they invade sensitive habitats, outcompete local birds for nest sites and

food, and decimate crops. A seasoned birder and naturalist, Lyanda Lynn Haupt is well versed in the difficult and often strained relationships these birds have with other species and the environment. But after rescuing a baby starling of her own, Haupt found herself enchanted by the same intelligence and playful spirit that had so charmed her favorite composer. In *Mozart's Starling*, Haupt explores the unlikely and remarkable bond between one of history's most cherished composers and one of earth's most common birds. The intertwined stories of Mozart's beloved pet and Haupt's own starling provide an unexpected window into human-animal friendships, music, the secret world of starlings, and the nature of creative inspiration. A blend of natural history, biography, and memoir, *Mozart's Starling* is a tour de force that awakens a surprising new awareness of our place in the

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world.

**The New York Pigeon** Charlesbridge  
Birding in the Pacific Northwest  
has never been easier! Birds of  
the Pacific Northwest describes  
and illustrates more than 400 bird  
species commonly encountered in  
Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and  
British Columbia. This  
comprehensive, full-color guide is  
organized to follow the order in  
which groups and species are  
presented by the American Union.  
Range maps for each species  
provide valuable information for  
identification.

**Hailstones and Halibut Bones** Henry  
Holt and Company (BYR)  
A fanciful story inspired by the  
life of the influential French  
master artist considers how he  
transformed his dreary childhood  
community in northern France  
through his expressions of color  
and form. By the Newbery Medal-  
winning author of Sarah, Plain and  
Tall.

The Extraordinary Beauty of Birds  
Doubleday Books for Young Readers  
From iconic children's author Jane  
Yolen, and renowned illustrator  
Bob Marstall, this stunning

picture book is the first in a new  
Jane Yolen series created for the  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the  
world authority on birds. Based on  
the cumulative nursery rhyme and  
song, *The Green Grass Grew All  
Around*, this enchanting version  
features a boy and his dog who  
find a nest on a hill.

Birds of the Pacific  
Northwest National Geographic  
Books

A mouthwatering tale of  
invention. When a persnickety  
customer named Filbert P.  
Horsefeathers complains that  
George Crum's fried potatoes  
are too thick, George makes  
them thinner. When Filbert  
insists they are still too  
thick, George makes them even  
thinner. But when the plate  
is sent back a third time,  
George mischievously decides  
to use his sharpest knife to  
cut paper-thin potato slices,  
which he fries until they are  
crackling and douses  
liberally with salt. At last,

Filbert is satisfied,  
proclaiming, "Perfection!"  
Which they are. Because,  
quite by accident, George has  
invented potato chips! Based  
on true events, this  
delicious tale will have kids  
clamoring for more, more,  
more!

**Providence of a Sparrow**  
Roaring Brook Press  
"With helpful photos and  
useful tips, this is a  
valuable and  
important reference."—Jay  
Cassell, Deputy Editor, *Field  
& Stream*