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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–6—Studded with fun activities and attractive animal photos, this comprehensive resource will excite those not already smitten with the animal world to enthusiastically join in the delightful exploration of what it means to study and care for animals in today's world. This book kicks off with a time line highlighting zoological milestones and a brief explanation of the subject, segueing into an in-depth view of animals, detailing their form, function, and habitats. Part 2 introduces professionals who have chosen a career in zoology and through their interviews and testimonies reveals how kids can start doing their own research and take steps to pursue a variety of interesting careers such as veterinarian, conservation scientist, or wildlife researcher. The author tackles many relevant questions: How are targets used to train a seal? Do elephants get toothaches? What are vital signs, and how are they used to determine an animal's health? The projects are entertaining and will foster observational skills or let kids conduct experiments; they include baking an animal cell out of cake mix, making a bird feeder out of a cardboard tube, interviewing a zoologist, and monitoring animal behavior in one's own backyard. This fascinating blend of history and science will provide children with a solid understanding of the topic and how it applies to other life sciences. Charming photos, hand-drawn graphics, highlighted words, and a correlative glossary enhance the clear-cut writing style. VERDICT A worthwhile purchase.—Kathryn Diman, Bass Harbor Memorial Library, Bernard, ME

Review

“Packed with facts and photos, *Zoology for Kids* is a vibrant introduction to zoology that also provides inspiration for career options and activities to help children further explore and apply what they have learned. This is exactly the kind of book I held in high regard as a young animal lover.” —Liesl Pimentel, manager of education and formal programs, Phoenix Zoo

“The Hestermanns strike an effective balance between educational material and fun that should hit a sweet spot for animal lovers.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“A convincing invitation to the wide world of working with animals.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“Plenty here to engage hands-on experimenters as well as readers indulging a general interest in living things or wondering what it would be like to be a zookeeper, veterinarian, wildlife researcher, or even “conservation warrior.”” —*Booklist*

“The attractive cover, inviting layout, colorful photos, and inviting illustrations will appeal to student readers. Fun experiences [will] involve readers in meaningful projects that require both creative and critical thinking related to animal life. Teachers will find these activities to be an effective way to address science standards. This work of nonfiction will be popular with youth who want to learn more about the science and care of animals. Librarians will find *Zoology for Kids* as well as the other books in the *Young Naturalist* series to be outstanding additions to the science collection.” —*Teacher Librarian*

"Well-written, informative, and beautifully designed." —All About Wildlife

## About the Author

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