

BOOKS AND VIDEOS RECEIVED

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Kinds of Minds: Towards an Understanding of Consciousness

Daniel C Dennett (1996). Weidenfeld & Nicolson: London. 184pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, The Orion Publishing Group, Orion House, 5 Upper Saint Martin's Lane, London WC2H 9EA, UK (ISBN 0 297 81546 6). Price £11.99.

The author explores what we know, and what we don't know about human and animal minds. Daniel Dennett considers evolution from macromolecules to human brains and asks whether sentience is a distinguishing property that separates some organisms from others.

Taking Animals Seriously: Mental Life and Moral Status

David DeGrazia (1996). Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, New York. 302pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, The Edinburgh Building, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 2RU, UK; or 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011-4211, USA (ISBN 0 521 56760 2 paperback, 0 521 56140 X hardback). Price £14.95 or US\$18.95 paperback, £40 or US\$59.95 hardback.

David DeGrazia offers a balanced, thorough discussion of animals' moral standing and of related questions concerning their minds and welfare. It will be of interest to students and teachers of courses on animal ethics, biologists, those professionally involved with animals, and general readers concerned about animal welfare.

The Value of Life: Biological Diversity and Human Society

Stephen R Kellert (1996). Island Press/Shearwater Books: Washington DC. 263pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, 1718 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20009, USA; or Kogan Page, 120 Pentonville Road, London N1 9BR, UK (ISBN 1 55963 317 4). Price £19.95.

The basis of this book is drawn from Stephen Kellert's own original research over the past twenty years on the human relation to nature. The actual and perceived importance of biological diversity is discussed in relation to humankind's physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual well-being.

The Wood Duck and the Mandarin: The Northern Wood Ducks

Lawton L Shurtleff and Christopher Savage (1996). University of California Press: Berkeley, Los Angeles, London. 232pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720, USA (ISBN 0 520 20812 9). Price US\$34.95.

This is a story of conservation told through the natural histories of the Wood Duck of North America and the Mandarin of Asia. Although native to different continents both species can now be found in the wild in a small area of northern California. The authors describe the close relationship between these birds, how they came to inhabit the Pacific Flyway and the efforts to protect the existence of both of these ducks.

I'm a Genius Vet

Jason Page (1996). Bloomsbury Children's Books: London. 96pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 2 Soho Square, London W1V 6HB, UK (ISBN 0 7475 2530 7). Price £3.99.

This is a light-hearted look at what it really means to be a vet. Written for children, the book includes essential facts about the qualifications and experience needed to become a vet, interspersed with lots of humour, quizzes and advice on practical animal care.

Birds of Prey: Management and Training

Bryan Paterson (1996). Farming Press Videos: Ipswich. Colour VHS video. 57 minutes. Obtainable from the publishers, Miller Freeman Professional Ltd, Wharfdale Road, Ipswich IP1 4LG, UK. Distributed in North America by Diamond Farm Enterprises, Box 537, Alexandria Bay, New York 13607, USA (ISBN 0 85236 328 1). Price £15.99 plus £2.50 postage and packing.

Part of this video follows the progress of a novice handler as she is taught the basic skills of managing and training a bird. Bryan Paterson also demonstrates how to prepare a bird for flight and advises on housing, feeding and routine health requirements. Birds shown in flight include barn owls, buzzards, Harris hawks and Lanner falcons.

Sheep of the Hills

Joe Henson (1996). Farming Press Videos: Ipswich. Colour VHS video. 50 minutes. Obtainable from the publishers, Miller Freeman Professional Ltd, 2 Wharfdale Road, Ipswich IP1 4LG, UK. Distributed in North America by Diamond Farm Enterprises, Box 537, Alexandria Bay, New York 13607, USA (ISBN 0 85236 341 9). Price £15.99 plus £2.50 postage and packing.

Visits to a variety of upland regions of Britain, including the remote Scottish island of St Kilda, provide the basis for describing the history of Britain's native breeds of sheep. The different breed attributes are discussed, both in relation to the environment and the sheep industry's production of prime lamb and wool.