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It's time to eat! Which animals eat bamboo, can gulp down a whole deer, or swallow rocks to help them eat?

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Tasha says

Jenkins and Page continue their collaboration with a new series of nature books for young children. The other two books in the series are Time for a Bath (coming in May) and Time to Sleep (just released). In this book, readers learn about the many strange and different things that animals eat. From the rocks that an ostrich has to eat to chew its food to the tapping thin fingers of an aye-aye looking for lunch, the facts are fascinating.

Those facts are paired with Jenkins' illustrations done in paper collage. As always, his collage work captures the texture of fur, the softness of feathers, and the smoothness of skin. They manage to be simple yet demonstrate the complexity of the animals.

Make sure to turn to the end of the book for more details about the featured animals. The facts included in the body of the book read aloud very well, offering just enough detail to be interesting and yet to move along quickly.

This is a great book to add to any library's nature section and to keep on hand for any nature or animal story times you will be doing. The dung beetle alone is sure to get children intrigued! Appropriate for ages 4-7.

Rachel says

I picked this up for my son as I thought it might be a simpler nonfiction Steve Jenkins book that he could listen to now. I had previously gotten the book "Actual Size" but it's a bit too advanced for him. Sadly, there is still a lot of text in it, and I would say he would need to wait about 4 yrs before he could really enjoy it and have the attention span to sit down and read it. It is a cute book with Jenkins' trademark cut-paper illustrations, which I love so much. It tells little stories about each animal/bird/insect and what they eat. The book also has a more detailed description in the back of the book of each creature. Great book for boys ages 5-9, 3 stars.

David says

Time to Eat by Steve Jenkins, illustrated by Robin Page tells what & how different animals collect, store and eat.

The foods vary from bamboo shoots, live animal blood, live worms, tree stored acorns, nuts and seeds, impaled insects, living paralyzed insects, mucus & bug covered skin, swallowed whole prey, rock grinded plants, dung balls, regurgitated fish, orchid nectar, beetles in dead trees, anything, nibbled new foods and whale milk.

The text is of varying sizes. Three final pages give more information about each animal.

The illustrations are torn and cut paper collage, portraying seventeen animals: giant panda, common wood

tick, northern short tailed shrew, acorn woodpecker, chipmunk, butcherbird, black widow spider, anaconda, ostrich, dung beetle, pelican, giant hawk moth, aye-aye, tiger shark, black rat and blue whale.

This book has great illustrations and many fascinating animal facts. This will work as a classroom read-aloud, one on one read-aloud and a treat for animal loving readers. Young readers may enjoy the small format of the book, though I would have liked a larger format for storytime use. I love this collection featuring a wide variety of animals. Highly recommended for school and public library collections.

For grades K - 3, animals, food, eating, nature, science, read-aloud, series, and fans of Steve Jenkins and Robin Page.

Lynn Davidson says

Well researched and well presented information about what and how 17 different birds, animals, and insects eat. Wonderful illustrations.

Lindsay Niebuhr says

And informative picture book about panda bears. I would give this book 2 out of five stars for it's pretty illustrations and interesting facts about panda bears and what they eat.

Rachel says

Didn't love the layout or design of the text in this, but it had some interesting facts, and I can see the appeal for young readers. Not fantastic for being widely accessible. Loved the extra facts in the last couple pages on each animal in the book.

Cheyenne Long says

Time to Eat is an informational book by Steve Jenkins that is fun and quirky! I loved looking through this book and felt that it was packed full of information. While you may think that the book would strictly discuss the diet of various animals (which is exactly what I thought), it also contains many interesting facts. Some of the facts discussed are where certain animals live, what type of environment they thrive in, and how large they can become. We learn about animals of all shapes and sizes; from anacondas, to pelicans and ostriches. The illustrations in this book are nice and helpful, but are not the main source of information. The book could stand alone without them, but would be much less fun to look at. I would use this book in the elementary classroom and feel like many grade levels could find it useful.

Julie says

This informative picture book has lots of cool -- and gross -- facts about animals eating. I could see 3-6th graders enjoying it, especially boys. My infant son enjoyed listening to me read it and looking at pictures, even though at 6 months old he has no clue what I am reading.

The passages on each page are short and non-intimidating with opportunities to discuss and be excited about the content (Wow! The anaconda eats an entire deer at a time, but only eats 4 times a year. I would hate to eat only a once every 4 months. I love eating.)

Bridget R. Wilson says

Time to Eat explores the eating habits of some unusual animals from the panda to the blue whale. We find out what, how, and when they eat.

What I thought: I'm becoming quite a fan of Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. When I see their names in a review, the book goes on my order list. Time to Eat is the perfect blend of facts and pictures. It is simple enough to appeal to preschoolers but informative enough so that elementary and middle school students could use it for research. I love the illustrations. I had no idea that cut and torn paper collage could be so intricate. My favorite illustrations are the panda, chipmunk, and aye aye.

Jessica Leake says

I enjoyed reading this book. Not only was it a great book, but it was very informative throughout the story. giving different animals (Pandas) and what they need to eat. I also enjoyed the pictures throughout the book also. I would recommend this book if looking for something informational.

Teresa Garrett says

Steve Jenkins does it again. Another kid friendly book this one about weird eating habits of some animals. Some are common while some are rare. Great pictures with bite sized information just the right amount for most kids to absorb. I like the small size of the book making it easy for kids to handle. As usual with most of Jenkins' books there is additional information about each animal in the back.

Jenny says

I love Steve Jenkins' work and have enjoyed all of his collaborations with his wife, Robin Page, that I have read so far. This one (as you can guess from the title) deals with how animals eat and what animals eat...especially some of the strange or unique ways/things animals eat. Both girls and boys in my class enjoyed this...equally fascinated and grossed out by animals such as the crucifix toad which has sticky skin. Bugs stick to it and then it sheds...eating its own skin along with the bugs stuck to the skin.

Becky B says

An eye-opening look at the wide range of things critters in our world consider to be food, or how much or little they eat.

This one will have eww factor appeal. The one frog who sheds and eats its own skin with the bugs stuck to it just made me gag. Other kids will love the beetles who live off or even in balls of dung. And I think the shrew who has to eat every 2-3 hours or it will starve and thus will eat just about anything is great fodder for a B scifi movie (move over Godzilla, there's a northern short-tailed shrew that just got shot with gamma rays and grew to 500 times its size). Fascinating, informative and yes, at times gross. As always in Jenkins' books, more info on each animal featured is included in the back of the book.

Linda says

This is a fascinating non-fiction book about interesting ways in which some in the animal kingdom obtain, store, even digest some of their food. Steve Jenkins always comes through with great information and this is no exception. Have you heard of the butcherbird who spears the grasshoppers on tree thorns, then sets about to eat his prey, rather like using a fork? The illustrations are realistic, greys, black and white with a bit of coloring.

Paul says

I love every Steve Jenkins book! Though this is not a well-known book by him, it was very good! It informed me a lot on what animals eat and how animals eat. The only dislike was that it was very short.
