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Described by Jeffrey Masson as 'the single best introduction to animal rights ever written,' this new book by Tom Regan will structure the animal rights debate for generations to come. In a style at once simple and elegant, Regan dispels the negative image of animal rights advocates perpetrated by the mass media, unmasks the fraudulent rhetoric of 'humane treatment' favored by animal exploiters, and explains why existing laws function to legitimize institutional cruelty. Written by the leading philosophical spokesperson for animal rights, Tom Regan's shocking exposé of animal abuse makes an essential and lasting contribution that will significantly impact the history of animal rights advocacy in America

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Alicia Aldrich says

A book all animal lovers should read.

Mervi says

En bok som skildrar hur djur utnyttjas av människor, och som besvarar många frågor kring djurrätt. Rekommenderas varmt till nyfikna icke-veganer.

Peacegal says

One of the best introductions to animal rights out there, *Empty Cages* is an excellent primer for supporters and skeptics alike.

Long-time activist Regan discusses issues of animal abuse and exploitation in a steady, rational tone that communicates respect for the readers. Unlike almost every other book of this genre, Regan realizes that mental blocks stand in the way between mainstream society and the recognition of humane values. For over two decades the animal use industries have been on the defensive, attempting to paint anyone who questions their business practices as a threat to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And of course, some activists have made their own bed by engaging in poorly-planned and offensive sloganeering and demonstrations. Regan is one of the few humane writers who recognize the need to swish away these cobwebs before we can sit down for a meaningful discussion of the true issues. He presents humane advocates truthfully for what the vast majority of us are—average folks with homes, careers, families—and a deep concern about the ways in which animals are treated in our world.

As expected, Regan discusses the many venues of animal exploitation in modern society, and answers common excuses offered by those who engage in these practices. This is par for the course. Even better is the final chapter, “Yes, But...” in which Regan acknowledges, and respectfully addresses, the many hang-ups which prevent most people from doing anything to make meaningful changes in their lives.

This would be an excellent book to share in a philosophy class. I recommend it to anyone curious about the modern humane movement—whether or not they consider themselves part of it.

Greg says

Very persuasive, this along with a few other factors was very influential in my decision to become a vegetarian.

Johan says

Alla borde läsa denna!

queli says

...great basic book for those who think that animals were created ONLY and EXCLUSIVELY for our consume(food, clothes,shoes), our entertainment(circuses, hunting, races), and all the ways animals are wrong-used (all kind of experiments, labs). It give answer to all the hypothetical and non-hypothetical questions about vegetarianism and veganism.

But, if we still live with phenomenon like Guantanamo or Auschwitz, what can we expect about our treatment to other species, right?

[It's really explicit, so ...]

Ireene says

Perfect way to spend a New Year's Eve - reading about animal rights. I really liked the first part of the book. Regan explains so clearly and simply why animals have rights, what those rights are, and why we should respect them. To Muddlers, everywhere - read this book if you are still not sure about these issues and still have many butts and questions.

Antiloquax says

Very useful book. His arguments are solid.

Christa says

This book is a good resource for those who are interested in animal law, animal welfare, and the overall treatment of animals. It can and is used as a legal textbook but it is also handy for any animal activist who needs a quick yet accurate resource about animal suffering and alternatives in the United States.

Sarah says

Graphic and saddening, yet enlightening and empowering. Tom Regan is a great writer who puts all aspects of the animal rights movement in a digestible and positive light.

Lisa Vegan says

Tom Regan is a philosopher and professor. I highly recommend all of his books. I find him intelligent and thoughtful. He's a good communicator and he presents compelling and cogent arguments for the importance of both human and animal rights.
