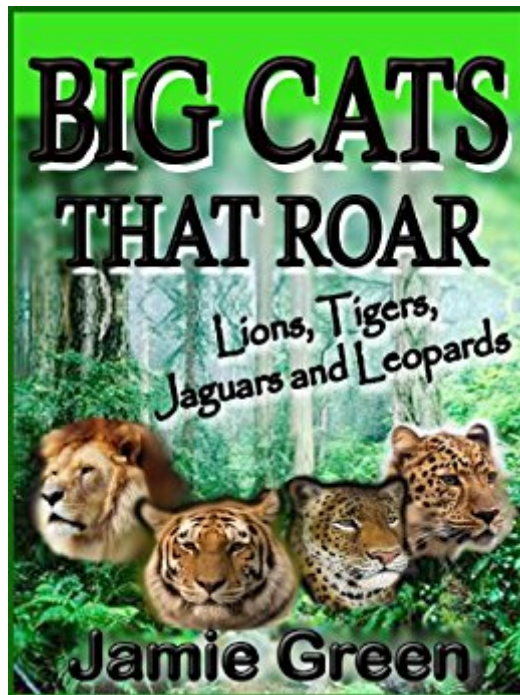




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Big Cats That Roar: Lions, Tigers, Jaguars And Leopards



Synopsis

This concise book is about four of the most beautiful animals on earth. It is filled with fascinating information and generally unknown facts about lions, tigers, jaguars and leopards (the big cats that roar) that everyone of all ages can appreciate. Written in a language that even children can understand, all of the information is broken down into small sections and accompanied by a large number of stunning photographs and clear diagrams. Some of the topics included about these amazing animals are their physical traits, their classification, ancestry, habitat, ecology, and most of all, their behavior - stalking, hunting, socializing, raising their young and surviving in their natural environments. There is also a discussion of big cat hybrids and an examination of the ability of lions, tigers, jaguars and leopards to feel affection and love. You will even find out how and why they roar. Children especially will enjoy this book and be able to use it as a resource for school projects, but there is plenty here for adults to love too.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent children's book that can be read with pleasure by any adult interested in learning about the big cats. The many well-chosen photos are the centerpiece of the book, and the

text is clear, informative and tightly coordinated with the photos. What makes it primarily a children's book are certain simplifications and omissions which, however, do not detract from the reading pleasure. For example, there is no mention of DNA as a basis for the classification of species and determination of their evolutionary history. That would be a different kind of book, for a different audience. I think the book might have gained from a little broadening of the subject matter. For example, in discussing the big cats of the African plains, it could clarify matters to point out the competition and deadly rivalries that they face from hyenas. This would be more useful than the discussion of the various lion-tiger hybrid combinations and what they might be named, since the latter are largely artificial constructs and not normally found in nature. The concluding comments about the importance of trying to preserve the big cats and their ecosystems are valuable, but the argument seems narrower than it could be. The larger point is that the same human drives that disrespect and undermine those ecosystems are also undermining all the interdependent global ecosystems (the environment, in the broadest sense) on which human civilization depends. I'm not sure how this could be expressed at the level of child readers, but since the target is also adults it might have been worthwhile providing a more sophisticated argument at the very end. None of these points really detract from the book as-it-is, so I wholeheartedly rate it as five stars.

I purchased this book for my 8 year old nephew for summer reading. I read the book so that we could discuss the information and I found it very informative and entertaining. My nephew enjoyed learning about these amazing animals.

I just finished reading this book and it is amazing! It refreshed my memory and I learned new things. I love the section about the big cats and emotions. It is warm and wonderful. Anyone who lives with animals know that they have feelings like sadness and love. Jamie Green is a wonderful writer with a sense of humor. This book is stuffed full of information but it is so well written that you don't even realize you are learning.

I enjoyed this book thoroughly - it taught me so much about cats in general and the big cats specifically. It would also be enjoyable and age appropriate for my grandchildren to have me read to them (which I intend to do next time they're over). The pictures and photographs are amazing. Hope that this is just the beginning of a series on animals from Jamie Green!

Big Cats That Roar is a lovely book for children and adults alike. It not only covers the living and

hunting habits of the four big cats that can roar, it also provides a high-level introduction into some of the ecology and biology around these animals. For children who may enjoy the book simply because they like big cats, it opens a door for them, providing some insight into how these cats fit into the world. As an adult I also found the book educational and interesting. This is a wonderful book to read with children.

Despite the format -- many pages have little text and are dominated by a single photo -- this book actually contains a significant amount of material. Also, it is easy to read and should appeal to young people of almost any age. Yet it doesn't talk down to the reader, which makes it very useful for adults (like myself) with little background knowledge of the subject who appreciate the opportunity to learn about this subset of the animal kingdom.

Jamie Green has the talent of a storyteller and the deep knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, his subject matter. He leads you to an "experience" with the lions, tigers, jaguars and leopards that certainly comes from his many years of teaching. I highly recommend this book for adults who would like to introduce their children or grandchildren to the marvelous cats. Thumbs up for Big Cats that Roar: Lions, Tigers, Jaguars and Leopards.

This is a wonderfully educational book. It is a fast and interesting read for people of all ages who are fascinated by the big cats that we share our planet with. The gorgeous photographs are a bonus to a great book.

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