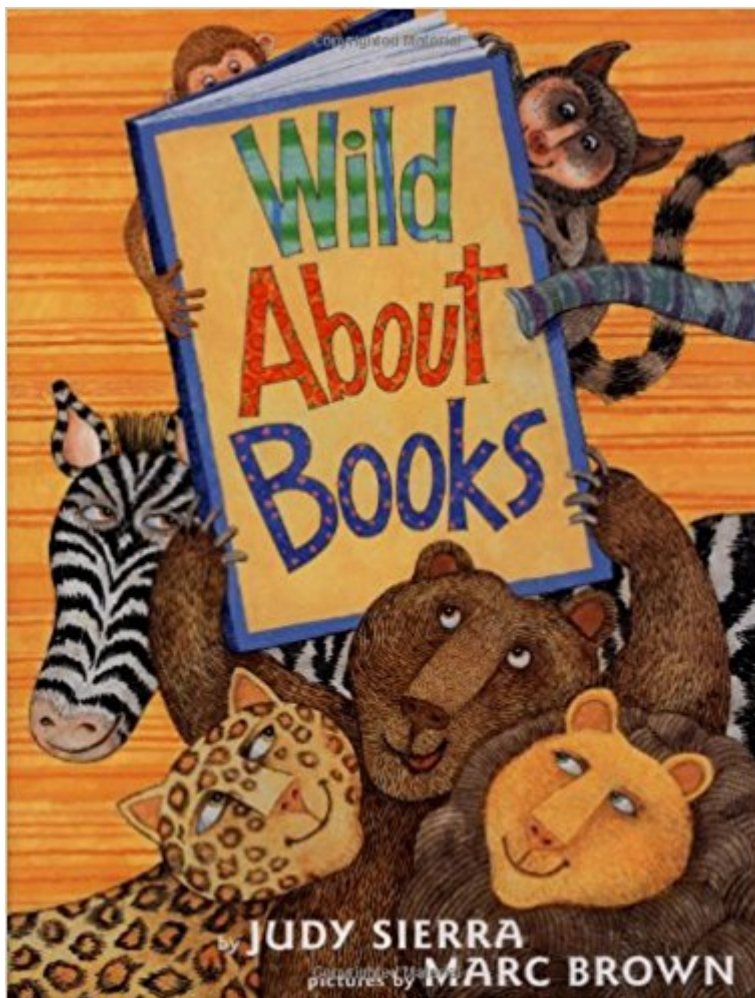


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# Wild About Books



## Synopsis

It started the summer of 2002, when the Springfield librarian, Molly McGrew, by mistake drove her bookmobile into the zoo. In this rollicking rhymed story, Molly introduces birds and beasts to this new something called reading. She finds the perfect book for every animal—tall books for giraffes, tiny ones for crickets. “She even found waterproof books for the otter, who never went swimming without Harry Potter.” In no time at all, Molly has them forsaking their niches, their nests, and their nooks, going “wild, simply wild, about wonderful books.” Judy Sierra’s funny animal tale coupled with Marc Brown’s lush, fanciful paintings will have the same effect on young Homo sapiens. Altogether, it’s more fun than a barrel of monkeys!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr. 2. In this rollicking story, librarian Molly McGrew accidentally drives her bookmobile into the zoo, and then the fun begins! The animals draw close to listen to a Dr. Seuss story, and soon they begin stampeding "to learn all about this new something called reading." Many picture-book authors who try their hands at rhyme have less-than-stellar results. Here, the best part of the book is Sierra's handy way with a rhyming text that not only scans properly but also is both clever and full of images that will amuse children ("Tasmanian devils found books so exciting / That soon they had given up fighting for writing"). The wild animal goings-on offer illustrator Brown an opportunity to get

away from his vaguely aardvarklike Arthur and create some real animals--in fact, about every animal one can think of. All the slaphappy art fits nicely into double-page spreads that allow the energetic action room to breathe. That's good because there are tons of things to look at, all in sunny colors. Not only are the animals reading books but they are also hugging them, licking the pictures off the pages, and trying their "hands" at writing. A wonderful advertisement for the joys of a literary life.

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We love this book. A teacher who was retiring gave me her copies of many of her favorite books for my daughter, and this book was among them. When my daughter chose it to read one day, we instantly fell in love with it. It rhymes, which is a feature we really love. It also has a lot of lesser known animals (bandicoot). My daughter isn't old enough to understand all of it yet, but the reference to some classic books (Dr. Seuss) is also a feature I really like. My daughter especially likes the part that goes, "The bears' love of books is completely outrageous. They licked all the pictures right off of the pages." It does work well for teaching caring for books. We bought this copy of the book for a friend's birthday party. My daughter is 3 now and really started enjoying listening to this book when she was about 2 and a half.

Very cute book about the animals at the zoo falling in love with books. I would have made the part

where the animals did wrong behaviors more clear that it was wrong behavior, but maybe the teachers can cover that point after reading the books. Definitely a book every librarian and teacher should read to their students.

This book is beautiful and great story. I ordered it for a unit that I am teaching in my kindergarten class and was so happy with how quickly it arrived, but was disappointed to find that the book was damaged. The middle pages were glued together, and in order to read the book I had to rip them apart. Now it's readable, but also a bit tattered. Unfortunately I couldn't return it because I needed it right away.

So cute!! My students loved this book!

When a bookmobile ends up in a zoo by mistake, the animals all fall in love with books and reading. A really fun tale about the importance of books for everyone. The illustrations by Marc Brown (you've heard of the "Arthur" books, right?) are so much fun and the details will keep kids laughing. It proved the PERFECT book for this zoo representative to bring to "Read Across America" events!

Cute story.

This book is everything Dr. Seuss was except that instead of rhyming nonsense, it's wonderful, inventive, funny, rhymes about real animals and real books set around a librarian who goes to a zoo. My three year old quotes the dung beetle haiku: "Roll a ball of dung, Any ball of poo will do, Baby beetle bed" and loves it as much as I do. Wonderful book that's in homage to Dr. Seuss but far, far more witty and intelligent.

We love reading this to our 2 year old and think it will be an even better fit when she is 3-4 years old. We talk about how the animals learn to treat books so its a great lesson/example in how to take care of the books and not to mistreat them! That is why I think this book is a gem. It also exposes our children to new words and more unusual animals that you don't always see in the typical book. This book should definitely be added to your collection and is a nice out of the ordinary book with hidden humor and adult entertainment factor (we might as well enjoy it too, we have to read them!).

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