

Synopsis

A fun, fresh animal journey! Pack your bags and put on your travelin' shoes! There's an animal adventure waiting for you! Awake with the HOWLER MONKEYS, twist into a pretzel like a QUETZAL, hang with a SLOTH, be will-nilly like a CHINCHILLA. Squawk with an AUK, bump your rump like a CAMEL, be silly with a BILBY, and drift off to sleep in the deep of the OUTBACK. Fun-filled and fact-packed, AROUND THE WORLD ON EIGHTY LEGS is the ticket for an unforgettable adventure! YAK The yakkity yakkity yakkity yak-Why is it the yak never answers you back? To a yak, nothing's worse Than to have to converse-The yakkity yakkity yak.

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Customer Reviews

I am an elementary classroom teacher, and I am finding that this book has so many applications to the classroom! My Kindergarten students are learning about the oceans of the world right now, and we are having a great time reading the poems about oceans animals. The kids love the rhymes and the way the animals come alive through the poetry (like in the poem "Auk"). My little scientists, who love learning facts about animals, are soaking up the book too. Some, for example, pointed out that the poem "Krill" tells us about ocean food chains. Soon we'll be studying the rainforest, and I can't wait to use this book to introduce the animals of the rainforest. I can also see how this book would be great for kids writing animal reports, for a study on the continents, and definitely for teaching the art of poetry writing. I found out recently that Amy Gibson also has a website that offers many classroom applications in language arts, writing, math, science, and more. Check it out at

amygibson dot com. As someone who has taught in the classroom, Amy Gibson knows kids AND teachers, and so she has a lot to offer! She may be the Shel Silverstein for a new generation of readers!

"Around the World on Eighty Legs" is a delightful book of pictures and poems about animals around the world. I bought it for my three year old (who loves animals) and he now asks to read it every night. The pictures are beautifully quirky and the poems that accompany them are charming as well as educational, often written in catchy, Dr. Seuss-like rhymes. The animals range from familiar to exotic so there's something for everyone to enjoy. My toddler's favorite is the Anaconda, with it's dangerous hug. My favorite is the poem about the Lion (and its subtle jab at gender roles!) I think this charming book is going to be a favorite for years to come.

This book is cleverly written. The mix of fun language and fact is perfect for kids and adults alike. My wife's students wanted to do more research about the animals right away, and my two children fight over who gets to read it first. The illustrations match the whimsical feel of the poems to create a book that we'll read over and over for many years to come.

I heard the author on the radio, and bought it for my niece sight unseen. This was about 2 years ago, she's now nearly six and still has her favorite animals that we HAVE to read when we come across the book on her bookshelf. Now she's reading it to me :)

"Around the World on Eighty Legs" creatively teaches about both well known and obscure animals with refreshing vocabulary. At 45 years of age, I have just been introduced to the Agouti and its responsibility for Brazil nut trees, the sour smelling stomach of the Hoatzin, and the sticky-tongued Pangolin. I am thrilled to see vocabulary that young readers can acquire through descriptions like "...his prominent, eminent, salient schnoz." This book begins with a map of continental regions, abounds with active and humorous illustrations and brilliantly crafted descriptions, and concludes with a menagerie of brief facts about each of the animals pictured in the book. I recommend this book for anyone of any age who is curious about animals. My 10 and 12 year old daughters enjoyed this book too and return to read it again. It's delightful!-Kurt's wife

Beautifully crafted prose, priceless illustrations and a storyline that not only will engage children but teach them about the world's many critters, Amy Gibson's book is a signature accomplishment. She

has a unique and lovely style of poetry that will warm hearts of young and old. This is a book to read to your children over a cup of hot chocolate on a rainy day. Not to be missed.

Personally, this is my favorite children's book ever. Amy has put more research and thought into this book than any children's book I have come across. It is not only fun to read for kids, but for adults to read as well. You will be entertained, learn something (actually quite a lot) and giggle along the way. Enjoy!

This is the book we take along when we have a family trip. Although ours is a hard cover and normally I like to take paperbacks to our trips this one always breaks that rule. It is that fun! It is filled with witty rhymes. It still makes my 8 year old and 6 year old laugh. I also like the fact that it has all kinds of unusual animals, my kids learned about so many new animals thanks to this one. Oh, I found out that both boys and girls love the book equally. It is such a favorite of ours I usually keep a couple of it at home for an emergency birthday gift. Surely, 80 Legs Around the World is one of those books that will be going to the college with them; because it is already filled with wonderful childhood memories for both of my kids. I highly recommend it.

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