

Summer Reading 2019 Going Wild 2

1. **Beluga: A Farewell to Whales** [DB040973](#)
 - a. A scientist predicts extinction of the beluga whales of the St. Lawrence River as the result of human pollution. Describes the belugas, their interaction with human civilization, and his own research on the whales. Presents evidence to support his dismal prediction.
2. **The Lives of Birds: Birds of the World and Their Behavior** [DB041184](#)
 - a. The curator of birds of the American Museum of Natural History draws upon the latest research and knowledge on the diverse world of birds. He discusses bird behavior from hatchling through fledgling to maturity, including information on diets, flying, singing, migration, territoriality, courtship, nesting, and mating. Also includes a chapter on the interrelationship between birds and humans.
3. **The Lives of Whales and Dolphins** [DB041607](#)
 - a. The American Museum of Natural History presents a companion book to The Lives of Birds (RC 41184) by Lester Short. Connor describes the behavior of whales and dolphins, the large mammals of the sea. He discusses the evolution of these animals that first lived on land, their intelligence, the senses they use, what they eat, how they communicate, and how they socialize and raise young.
4. **Chimpanzee Travel: On and Off the Road in Africa** [DB042539](#)
 - a. The author, wanting to know more about chimpanzees, travels around east, west, and central Africa, and finally into the northern Congo and the heart of the Ndoki rain forest, an area where chimps have never seen humans. Peterson describes his meetings with Jane Goodall, natives, and tourists and his encounters with confusing trails, screaming gorillas, and raging chimpanzees.
5. **Reflections of Eden: My Years with the Orangutans of Borneo** [DB043590](#)
 - a. Primatologist Birute Galdikas tells of her twenty years living among and studying the elusive orangutans in Indonesian Borneo. From her primitive jungle camp, she conducted behavioral research under harsh and dangerous conditions. She describes the satisfaction of serving as a surrogate mother and protector of once-captive apes.
6. **Good Natured: The Origins in Right and Wrong in Humans and other Animals** [DB046103](#)
 - a. Explores the biological basis of morality in primates and other animals. Draws upon observations of animal behavior and social dynamics that suggest tendencies toward altruism, sympathy, guilt, and cooperation. Argues that evolution favors ethical behavior.
7. **A Dark Place in the Jungle** [DB050617](#)

- a. A writer recounts her arduous expedition into the sweltering forests of Borneo in search of a reclusive primatologist who has devoted her life to protecting orphaned orangutans. Describes the forbidding beauty of the island, the colorful local society, and the despoilment of natural resources through poaching, deforestation, and misguided ecotourism.

8. The Intimate Bond: How Animals Shaped Human History [DB082464](#)

- a. Through an in-depth analysis of six human-animal relationships, Fagan examines how the human way of life has been irreversibly altered by bonding with animals. He discusses the effects of herding, the role of animals in globalization, and the general history of human interaction with the animal kingdom.

9. Tamed & Untamed: Close Encounters of the Animal Kind [DB093162](#)

- a. Montgomery, author of *The Soul of an Octopus* (DB 82438), and Thomas, author of *The Hidden Life of Dogs* (DB 37305), present fifty-three essays exploring the lives of animals. Topics include animals and people, birds, dogs and cats, wild animals, tiny animals, and animal abilities.

10. Being a Beast: Adventures Across the Species Divide [DB085318](#)

- a. Veterinarian and lecturer at Oxford University examines animal and human behavior by replicating the lives of particular animals, including badgers, otters, foxes, deer, and swifts. Shares adventures such as catching fish with his teeth, living in a sett--a badger's den--for weeks, being hunted by bloodhounds, and more.