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based on many years of personal research and a thorough knowledge of the european literature the authors provide an eminently readable account of the biology of the common buzzard whatever your interests in birds i can recommend this book for its content of information and insight professor ian newton obe frs frse soaring majestically on thermals with broad wings raised the common buzzard is a familiar sight for many people across eurasia in fact thanks to a remarkable ability to adapt to local conditions it is now one of the most abundant hawks in the world the common buzzard can exploit a variety of nest sites and has an eclectic diet that ranges from earthworms and voles to woodpigeons and even deer carcasses this is a species rich in paradoxes why does a hawk evolved for hunting small mammals thrive on invertebrates and carrion how can a raptor renowned for dramatic territorial displays occur at such high densities and why does such a large bird that can travel long distances spend so much time in small areas sean walls and robert kenward delve deep into the ecology of the common buzzard to provide answers to these questions and many more as well as examining the conservation conundrums raised by this bird bringing together a wealth of research on the species origins feeding behaviour and breeding along with information on movement and survival from the authors own studies the common buzzard provides an invaluable insight into exactly what has enabled this marvellous raptor to return to old haunts to impress inspire and connect people with nature

120 species of crows jays and their allies exist in the world today many are exceedingly beautiful in colour grace and form whereas others are black and somewhat sinister in appearance in no other group of perching birds has evolution produced such a degree of variation from the tiny hume s ground jay of the steppe highlands of tibet to the huge thick billed raven of the mountains of ethiopia some have had a long association with people and appear in tales of mythology and superstition while others have been regarded as agricultural pests the great majority however remain largely unknown their only contact with humanity being the destruction of their specialised habitats as a consequence more than 20 species are now regarded as internationally endangered some of which are very poorly known the 30 superb colour plates by hilary burn in this book depict them all each plate is accompanied by an informative caption page summarising the criteria required to identify the species alongside colour world distribution maps some of these birds bearing such evocative names as the banggai crow mesopotamian crow and flores crow have never been illustrated

before the authoritative text by Steve Madge treats each species in depth summarising identification techniques and concisely reviewing all aspects of corvid behaviour distribution population and taxonomy the author has had first hand experience of most of the species during his travels throughout the world travels in which he gradually became fascinated by this very special but somewhat ignored group of birds crows and jays is a combination of scientifically accurate information and an identification guide planned to give anyone whether a birdwatcher or biologist a greater understanding of the lives of these beautiful yet very complex group of birds it will surely be a standard work of reference for many years to come

the rugged physical beauty of the west coast of Vancouver Island has long been a major attraction but its distinctive avian population has also made it a major birdwatching destination the birds of Vancouver Island's west coast presents accounts of all of the species thus far recorded as occurring in the region 360 in total and updates the 231 species recorded up to 1978 each account includes a brief introduction to the species and an overview of its total range the essential guide to the birds of the region this book will inform delight and surprise amateur and professional birders alike

shortlisted for the BBTO Best Bird Book of the Year 2022 the first comprehensive coverage of a subject that has fascinated natural historians for centuries avian vagrancy is a phenomenon that has fascinated natural historians for centuries from Victorian collectors willing to spend fortunes on a rare specimen to today's high octane bird chasing twitchers the enigma of vagrancy has become a source of obsession for countless birders worldwide vagrancy in birds explores both pattern and process in avian vagrancy drawing on recent research to answer a suite of fundamental questions concerning the occurrence of rare birds for each avian family the book provides an in depth analysis of recent and historical vagrancy patterns representing the first comprehensive assessment of vagrancy at a global scale the accounts are accompanied by hundreds of previously unpublished images featuring many of the most exceptional vagrants on record the book synthesises for the first time everything we know about the subject making the case for vagrancy as a biological phenomenon with far reaching implications for avian ecology and evolution

the people of Leford cherish the mysterious island of blue eyed crows and ravens in the midst of the big river that cuts their city in two the island uninhabited since the days of the old hermit for whom it was named beckons outcast Jesuit scholar and ornithologist Alfredo Manzi to its dark forest he meets Charlie a blue eyed crow who seems to be expecting him the crow tells Manzi he is one of the last of the Patua a

homo sapien subspecies with a strange ability to verbally communicate with the corvids a group of highly intelligent birds that includes ravens and crows manzi learns to his growing amazement that he is not the first of his kind to visit wilder island and that it holds many secrets of his ancient vanishing race the corvids put all hope upon him to bring the patua back from the edge of oblivion and save the earth from the ravages of human technology but the island itself is in grave danger of a takeover from a land developer whose plans will most certainly destroy the unique corvid population forever as well the legacy of the patua manzi begins fulfilling his mission to save the enchanted wilderness enlisting help from the corvids another patua and a colleague and his wife who is about to uncover her own secrets in this fantasy tale corvids and humans must band together to save their beloved island from destruction before it is too late

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this classic and widely influential work brings together the talents of the greatest american ornithologist of his generation coues a pioneering nature writer editor ornithologist wright and a young artist whose contribution to the american tradition of bird illustration proved to be second only to audubon s own fuertes this book features the first substantial body of his work directed at the general public especially children and written in an entertaining and fanciful fiction style the work imparts solid scientific knowledge while inculcating conservation values it exemplifies the extensive literature of popular yet scientifically grounded ornithology which nurtured the national passion for birds in this era thereby fostering some of conservationism s most vital and widespread grass roots women were particularly well represented in this literature often like wright combining literary gifts with serious scientific knowledge wright was elected to membership in the american ornithologists union to bridge the widening gap between professional science and amateur nature study and often as in this work confirming contemporary expectations of gender roles by directing their writings particularly toward children

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a comprehensive reference on vertebrate species that can cause economic damage or become nuisance pests reviews all vertebrate species that come into conflict with human interests in north america includes agricultural commercial industrial and residential pest problems and recommends solutions emphasizes prevention outlines and explains all currently registered and recommended control methods and materials contains dozens of chapters written by various authors figures

feeding habits association with other animals and breeding the raven is one of the most spectacular and romantic of british birds but relatively neglected in the modern literature of ornithology derek ratcliffe here presents a thorough summary of our knowledge of its natural history emphasizing the long association of the bird with humankind the place of the raven in myth legend and history is long established and this book describes the bird s fall from grace as a valued scavenger in medieval cities to a persecuted outcast in the modern wilds the previous wide occurrence of ravens is reviewed against the relationships between their present distribution status and habitat requirements as both a nesting and a non breeding resident the dependence of ravens on carrion especially sheep within an omnivorous diet is the key to the species ecology and its social behaviour has evolved in close relation to this lifestyle the flocking and communal roosting of non breeders are major features of raven behaviour while their nesting habits emphasise the territorial nature of breeding birds and their adaptation to secure but harsh environments raven numbers vary in relation to their food supply local populations adjusting accordingly although the precise

mechanism involved is still obscure ravens have a considerable capacity for recolonising old haunts when suitable conditions are restored as well as exploiting new areas where the habitat becomes favourable and there are local success stories to tell nationwide however the species position is delicately balanced and depends on both sympathetic land management practices and improving attitudes to ravens as friends not foe worldwide ravens are one of the most successful of all bird groups occurring over a large part of the northern hemisphere and replaced in some southern and tropical regions by other raven species which exploit the familiar raven niche in their own environments the discussion of the northern hemisphere species is enlivened by reference to other species where useful finally the raven's age old reputation for high intelligence is weighed critically against the available evidence today ravens carry a new omen in the modern world as a barometer of goodwill to wildlife like those in the tower of london the continued existence of ravens in our wild countryside will reveal something about both our current situation and our prospects for the future the text is brought to life through wonderful illustrations by chris rose

what is it like to be a swift flying at over one hundred kilometres an hour or a kiwi plodding flightlessly among the humid undergrowth in the pitch dark of a new zealand night and what is going on inside the head of a nightingale as it sings and how does its brain improvise bird sense addresses questions like these and many more by describing the senses of birds that enable them to interpret their environment and to interact with each other our affinity for birds is often said to be the result of shared senses vision and hearing but how exactly do their senses compare with our own and what about a bird's sense of taste or smell or touch or the ability to detect the earth's magnetic field or the extraordinary ability of desert birds to detect rain hundreds of kilometres away how do they do it bird sense is based on a conviction that we have consistently underestimated what goes on in a bird's head our understanding of bird behaviour is simultaneously informed and constrained by the way we watch and study them by drawing attention to the way these frameworks both facilitate and inhibit discovery it identifies ways we can escape from them to seek new horizons in bird behaviour there has never been a popular book about the senses of birds no one has previously looked at how birds interpret the world or the way the behaviour of birds is shaped by their senses a lifetime spent studying birds has provided tim birkhead with a wealth of observation and an understanding of birds and their behaviour that is firmly grounded in science

a portable guide to the birds of eastern north america the publication of field guide to birds of eastern north america and its companion edition

field guide to birds of western north america quickly established david sibley as the author and illustrator of the most comprehensive guides to these regions this second edition builds on this foundation of excellence with a wealth of improvements and updates it offers expanded and updated information new illustrations larger reproduction and an improved design covering species east of the rocky mountains the book features illustrations of 698 species and regional populations with more than 4 600 illustrations digitally remastered from original art for perfect reproduction and more than 600 colour maps this is an indispensable resource for all birders seeking an authoritative yet portable guide to the birds of eastern north america

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this authoritative handbook part of the helm identification guide series looks in detail at the remarkable and diverse birds of paradise perhaps the ultimate birders birds renowned for their elaborate and dazzling plumages the birds of paradise paradisaeidae and bowerbirds ptilonhynchidae exhibit some of the most astonishing behaviours in the avian kingdom the former is the most iconic group of birds found in new guinea while the bowerbirds extend into australia and are perhaps best known for the males construction of avenue bowers used to tempt females on the forest floor this comprehensive monograph is dedicated to these two families combining the product of more than two decades of research and scholarship with original observations by the author and many other knowledgeable contributors birds of paradise and bowerbirds is the ultimate reference to these two groups it provides a thorough guide to their identification taxonomy and ecology with detailed distribution maps accompanying the text a series of beautifully illustrated plates by richard allen cover all of the 108 recognised taxa in these groups with these supplemented by more than 200 photographs covering a range of racial and age related plumage variety this book is an indispensable addition to the libraries of all birders and ornithologists interested in these sensational birds



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brings together everything we know about the biology and behaviour of this unusual species

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woodpeckers the editors and artists have worked closely with other authors all acknowledged experts in their field to produce a superb reference in which comprehensive texts on every species are complemented by accurate and detailed paintings and drawings of the birds themselves

the lucid essays in the original edition of high heels and bound feet drove lively discussions and engagement with core anthropological concepts in traditional and online courses lenkeit showed how one s daily life at work at school at home and at play could be more engaging and provocative when viewed through anthropology s multifaceted lens the slightly expanded second edition is freshened by the addition of seven new essays each continues to illustrate myriad possible applications of concepts and methods from anthropology to everyday experiences while essays focus on cultural anthropology the inclusion of topics on linguistics biological anthropology and archaeology brings attention to the holistic nature of the discipline all essays conclude with material useful for assimilating content thinking it through anthropological terms and thinking practically according to the author education should color one s life and broaden one s perspective high heels and bound feet 2 e will pique readers interest as they discover how anthropology informs energizes and infuses their lives every day

this is a new release of the original 1952 edition

a heavily designed and stunning look at the many birds of the sky perfect for fans of botanicum from the bitter cold polar regions to the lush tropics birds have found incredible ways to adapt and survive anywhere white winged diuca finches nest high upon freezing glaciers and mightily peregrine falcons circle skyscrapers in busy cities look up what birds can do is extraordinary the statuesque golden eagle spots prey from miles away you can tell what time of day an owl hunts by looking at the color of its eyes with its long muscular legs the secretary bird has a powerful kick that is enough to kill large prey like snakes and hares discover which bird is the fastest the smallest the smartest the most colorful and more in this nonfiction compendium complete with descriptions from wildlife expert miranda krestovnikoff and stunning linocuts from artist angela harding

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the eagle owl known rather more evocatively as the uhu in german in reference to its haunting far carrying nocturnal call is a very large and impressive bird of prey one of the largest owls in the world it is a fierce hunter of large birds and mammals up to the size of foxes and small deer and as an undisputed top predator its ecology is fascinating this poyser monograph looks at distribution foraging ecology migration breeding behaviour conservation issues and population dynamics of this spectacular bird across its vast eurasian range the authors vincenzo penteriani and maría del mar delgado have undertaken many years of research on populations in and around coto doñana in spain

a book of australian birds commonly found in the bush each page contains a riddle to engage the reader with the illustration and try and guess the name of the bird this book aims to both familiarise readers with the twelve birds included within the pages but also teach them what to look for when trying to identify birds in real life

the moult strategies of birds are not only of importance in their impact on a species ecology and energetics but as a valuable tool for anyone studying the migration and population dynamics of bird species a proper understanding of how feathers are replaced and the precise differences in appearance of the various feather generations can allow ringers scientists and the keen birdwatcher to age first year and adult birds and to detect the moult strategy of the bird in question lukas jenni and raffael winkler have combined these themes and produced a book which will be valuable both to the professional ornithologist and the bird ringer the first part gives an up to date summary of the moult strategies and moult sequences of european passerines and discusses the ecological consequences of moult throughout the book the authors draw on the enormous amount of data on moult collected by them over

15 years of study which combined with data from the literature allow them to present a new synthesis of the subject the second part of the book is of particular value to ringers following a general introduction to ageing detailed moult profiles are given for 58 species of european passerines representing all the major moult strategies backed up with useful summary statistics schematic diagrams of the extent of moult and indications of the variation within each species for the first time the extent of partial and suspended moults is presented in detail the crowning feature of this book is the 480 plus full colour photographs of extended wings which show the entire range of moult patterns and of plumage ageing criteria an appendix gives supplementary information on ageing birds by the degree of pneumatization of the skull

argues that the birds powers of abstraction memory and creativity are equal to many mammals

this beautifully illustrated and user friendly book presents the most up to date information available about the natural histories of birds of the sierra nevada the origins of their names the habitats they prefer how they communicate and interact with one another their relative abundance and where they occur within the region each species account features original illustrations by keith hansen in addition to characterizing individual species birds of the sierra nevada also describes ecological zones and bird habitats recent trends in populations and ranges conservation efforts and more than 160 rare species it also includes a glossary of terms detailed maps and an extensive bibliography with over 500 citations

this highly respected guide is the must have reference for birds in the new zealand region

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## Horace: A Question-and-Answer Exploration of the Roman Poet

Introduction: Why should we care about a Roman poet who lived two millennia ago? Because Horace, Quintus Horatius Flaccus to give him his full name, remains remarkably relevant. His work offers insightful commentary on human nature, politics, and the art of living, themes that resonate powerfully even today. This article explores Horace's life, works, and enduring legacy through a question-and-answer format.

I. Horace's Life and Times: Q: Who was Horace, and when and where did he live? A: Horace was born in 65 BCE in Venusia, a town in southern Italy. He came from a modest background, his father being a freedman (a former slave). His education, however, was relatively advanced, highlighting the social mobility available in the late Roman Republic. He lived through a period of immense political turmoil, witnessing the rise and fall of Julius Caesar and the subsequent power struggles that led to the establishment of the Roman Empire under Augustus. His life spanned from the last years of the Republic to the early years of the Empire (65 BCE – 8 BCE). Q: How did Horace's experiences shape his poetry? A: Horace's early life was marked by political instability and personal struggles. He fought on the Republican side in the Battle of Philippi (42 BCE), a decisive defeat that deeply impacted him. This experience, coupled with his humble origins and his subsequent patronage by Maecenas (a close friend and advisor to Augustus), shaped his perspectives on power, ambition, and the search for a balanced life. These themes permeate his poetry, offering a nuanced perspective on the challenges of living under both republican and imperial rule. For instance, his Odes frequently celebrate moderation and avoiding excessive ambition – a direct contrast to the tumultuous political landscape he witnessed.

II. Horace's Literary Works: Q: What are Horace's most famous works? A: Horace's literary output falls primarily into three categories: Odes, Satires, and Epistles. His Odes, lyrical poems often dealing with love, friendship, politics, and the pursuit of a harmonious life, are probably his best-known. The Satires, written in a more conversational tone, offer witty and insightful observations on Roman society, particularly its moral flaws and pretensions. The Epistles, similarly conversational but more philosophical, delve into the art of living, friendship, and the pursuit of wisdom. Q: What are the key characteristics of Horace's style? A: Horace's style is characterized by its elegance, wit, and precision. His mastery of the Latin language is evident in his concise yet evocative phrasing, his ability to shift effortlessly between different poetic styles (lyric, iambic, satirical), and his masterful use of meter and rhythm. He often employs irony and self-deprecation, making his poetry both entertaining and thought-

provoking. Unlike the grandiloquence often found in other Roman poets, his style is characterized by a certain restraint and moderation, reflecting his philosophy of life. III. Horace's Enduring Legacy: Q: Why is Horace still studied today? A: Horace's enduring relevance stems from the timeless nature of his themes: the complexities of human relationships, the search for meaning and happiness, the challenges of navigating political and social life. His insightful observations on human nature, coupled with his masterful poetic technique, continue to resonate with readers across centuries. His works have inspired countless writers, artists, and thinkers, influencing everything from literary styles to philosophical perspectives. Q: How has Horace's work influenced modern culture? A: Horace's influence is pervasive. Many famous quotes, such as "carpe diem" ("seize the day"), are drawn from his works. His poetic style and themes have been echoed by countless poets and writers. Furthermore, his philosophical insights into the art of living have found resonance with philosophers and self-help gurus alike. Many of his aphorisms and observations about human behavior remain strikingly relevant in contemporary society. For instance, his reflections on the dangers of ambition and the importance of moderation hold particular weight in our modern, often hyper-competitive world. IV. Conclusion: Horace's legacy transcends his time. He offers us a window into the Roman world, but more importantly, he provides timeless wisdom on human experience. His work is not simply an historical artifact; it's a living testament to the enduring power of poetry and the pursuit of a well-lived life. Through wit, elegance, and philosophical depth, he continues to challenge and inspire readers today. FAQs: 1. What is the significance of Horace's patronage by Maecenas? Maecenas' patronage provided Horace with financial security and access to the circles of power, allowing him to focus on his writing without the usual economic pressures of the time. It also shaped his political views, leading to a more nuanced and less overtly oppositional stance towards the Augustan regime. 2. How does Horace's poetry differ from that of Virgil? While both were prominent Augustan poets, Virgil's style is typically grander and more epic in scope, focusing on national myths and heroic narratives, whereas Horace's is more personal, intimate, and often concerned with everyday life and philosophical reflection. 3. What are some specific examples of Horace's influence on later literature? Many poets, from English Romantic poets like Wordsworth to modern American poets, have acknowledged Horace's influence on their own works. His forms and styles have been adapted and reinterpreted across different languages and literary movements. 4. How can we apply Horace's philosophy of "aurea mediocritas" (golden mean) to modern life? The concept of "aurea mediocritas" advocates for moderation and balance in all aspects of life, avoiding extremes of excess or deficiency. Applying this to modern life might mean finding a balance between ambition and contentment, work and leisure,

individual pursuits and social responsibility. 5. Are there good translations of Horace's works available for modern readers? Yes, numerous translations exist, ranging from highly literal to more interpretive versions. Choosing a translation depends on one's familiarity with Latin and preferred reading style. It's often beneficial to compare different translations to gain a fuller understanding of the nuances of the original text.

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