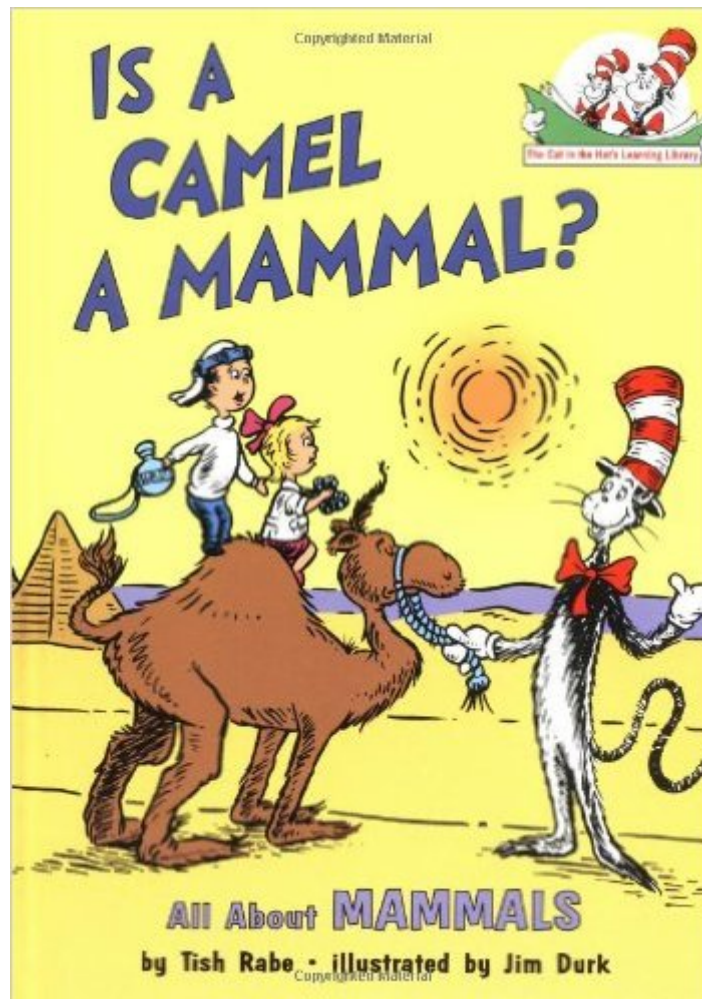


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# Is A Camel A Mammal? (Cat In The Hat's Learning Library)



## Synopsis

The Cat in the Hat takes Dick and Sally on a Seussian safari to observe (and pontificate about) the many different kinds of mammals. An invaluable tour for all animal lovers!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

My children, ages 5 and 3, and I love this Dr. Seuss style educational book. It is filled with lots of facts about mammals and distinguishes between mammals and non-mammals. The beginning of the book tells the reader that mammals breathe air, are warm to the touch and grow hair. The rest of the book illustrates these three characteristics. I particularly liked the page which shows that mammals can live in different types of environments, "Mammals live on cold mountains and hot, burning sand, down deep in the oceans or out on dry land." The ending is delightful as the child learns that she is a mammal, too. Finally, I enjoyed this book because it included a glossary of terms and suggestions for further reading on the subject of mammals.

What makes something a mammal? Mammary glands, for starters - that's where the name comes from. How is it that this book manages to make it from beginning to end without mentioning that all mammals nurse their young? I can only speculate that there is some lurking puritanical fear that any mention of lactation is inappropriate for children. I'd say this is boneheaded, but bones need

calcium, and we get calcium from milk, which comes from ... mammals. My kid loves this series, and we love reading her science that is pitched at a level a three year old can understand, and discussing the points that are raised. However, we read this book to her and scratch our heads wondering where the mammal part is. Would it have been too hard to have a page saying something like, "All mammals make milk, that's what their young eat. From mama, milk brings strength, to paws, flippers, and feet"? This is a cowardly book that does a disservice to its young readers.

Mammals share four traits: they have a spine, they have a few bones in their ears, and they nurse their young. This lame book mentions spine and hair. It doesn't mention that they nurse their young AT ALL. The only mention is in the appendix where they mention it in the actual definition. This is unacceptable. Does the author think nursing is dirty? What POSSIBLE reason could they have for ignoring a core trait of mammals. MAMMMALS NURSE THEIR YOUNG. My almost four year old really likes these books and so we read them grudgingly. The content is so-so and Trish Rabe generally is the better author.

my 6 year old son loves this series. i read to my son every night before going to sleep. he chooses the book. since we started on getting books in this series, they are a frequent choice. we have several and will get the rest. it is a fun, easy way to teach some basic ideas.

My children love this book! This is the second one we have read in the Cat in the Hat Learning Library series and I'm anxious to find more. As to the nursing comments....that did not even cross my mind about this book, though I suppose it is true that it is a characteristic of mammals that wasn't mentioned. I don't think it an outrage like others seem to; perhaps instead of the author having an agenda, the reviewers do....

My children love this book (along with the rest of the learning library books). You can't help but smile when you see your children learning, and in such a fun way!

What a wonderful way to learn the definition of a mammal! Fun reading in itself, it is also packed with helpful information.

This is a good book that teaches about what animals are mammals. Also it's done in the fun

rhyming like the Cat in the Hat.

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