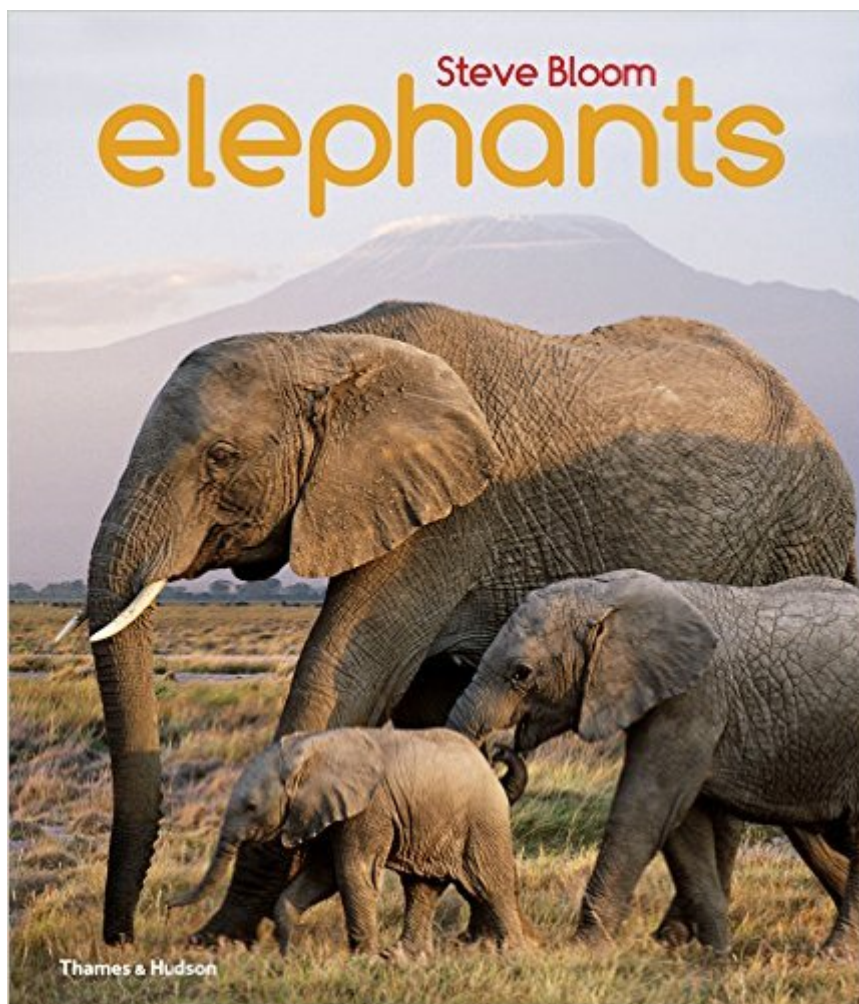


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# Elephants: A Book For Children



## Synopsis

"Steve Bloom's breathtaking photos carry this book and will keep it being reread. Familiar animals, appearing newly grand." — Chicago Tribune From Babar to Dumbo, the elephant has long fascinated children and their parents in equal measure. Here, eighty stunning photographs encompass every aspect of the elephant's life and world: elephants big and small, African and Asian, in the wild and domesticated, at play and at rest. Whether taken from the air, from underwater, or from the side of a jeep, these images will capture the imagination of any child. Steve Bloom's extraordinary photographs depict the elephants in their natural environment as well as their unique relationships with people. Here are elephant babies playing in the dust, families rolling in the mud, polo-playing elephants, elephants at bath time, impressive herds roaming the plains, and much more. The entertaining text by David Henry Wilson provides an almost encyclopedic range of facts about elephants, from why they flap their ears to how much they weigh and how much they eat. 80 color photographs

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book for my elephant-obsessed son. It is a stunningly beautiful book. Steve Bloom is a wildlife and nature photographer and the quality of the photographs is outstanding. Both African and Indian elephants are featured throughout, photographed in the wild, at work, at play and even swimming in deep water - who knew elephants can swim? The text manages to be both highly informative and perfectly pitched to a younger audience. Facts are put in terms that children can

relate to. In reading this book I learned so many interesting things about elephants (not something I would previously have thought likely). Some examples: Elephants are either left or right tusked just as humans are left or right handed. Elephants can swim underwater using their trunks as snorkels. Elephants educate their boys and girls separately. Elephants remember, even years later, the exact spot where one of their herd died. An easy way to tell Indian and African elephants apart is by the shape of their ears, which resemble the continents which give them their names. The text and photographs also complement each other extremely well. A lot of thought has been put into this book. It is an absolute joy to read. This truly beautiful book would make a wonderful gift for any pre-school or primary school aged child who enjoys animals.

I declare "Elephants," photographs by Steve Bloom, text by David Henry Wilson, to be the most fascinating book about one animal in my PK-3 through 8 library. We already have two other books about elephants, both very nice informational books, but this one is visually different. "Elephants" takes the reader on a tour through an elephant's life. Sounds typical, yet topic headings will reveal how exquisitely information, much through photos, is laid out: the T words--Trunks, Tusks, and Tails with some of the most wonderful photos of elephants I've ever seen. Elephants snorkel! Do you know that an elephant's trunk is "longer than the tallest person you know, and heavier than two normal-sized men" (13). The book is written in words and terms that even children can image. Tusks: Do you know that elephants are right- or left-tusked, much as we are -handed. Ears: Get this: An African elephant's ears are shaped much like the continent itself, while ditto for the Indian elephant's ears. I am so amazed! Photos prove this! Their cushioned feet via toenails help them walk on all kinds of ground in total quietness. An elephant's skin is so sensitive that the animals take mud-baths to cool off. A baby elephant stays in its mother's shadow as much as possible to prevent sunburn! When an elephant dies, the herd stays by the body for days, trying to get that member up and alive again. Years later, when they pass by that same death spot, the tribe will stop and remain silent for several minutes, as if paying respect, before moving on. This is the fascinating information in this incredibly fascinating books about elephants. It's the photographs--taken from all angle: above, below, front on, sideways, behind the elephants--that make this book so richly visual. This book should be placed in the hands of all children--and adults who want to see and learn about elephants. Last fact on the last page: "One hundred years ago, there were about 10 million elephants, but now there are only about 500,000. We need to protect them" (64). An elephant has only two predators: man (by far the worst) and the lion (who hunts the old, the infirm, and babies who may wander too far away).

This is a very nicely illustrated book with beautiful pictures and informative facts about elephants. My 4 year old son loves this book. Also good for older children and adults. I would recommend this book for anyone.

this book is flat out awesome. the pictures are amazing and they really cover the whole spectrum of the elephant - from birth to old age. it's got a great amount of interesting facts and they're presented at a level that even my two year old daughter can (somewhat) understand. she absolutely loves this book - as soon as she gets home she goes about looking for "elephant book" and it gets read . . . over and over and over again. if your kid is into elephants or if you just want an educational book about some kind of animal, you can't go wrong here. just a great book.

This book is very well made. Quality is good and withstands quite a rough use. Ever since my 2yr old got this book, she picks this up from her entire lot of books atleast once a day and scans through each of the pages. Many a times, she'll go to sleep holding this book! This is one of those books where I felt money was worth down to last penny!

Though not billed as a read-a-loud, this book is a beauty. I bought it for a 4 yr old boy who can handle books without destroying them. He is a super fan of elephants. Were he nearer I would love to read or look through the book with him. It covers things about elephants I had not known. I recommend it for any age who can manage a hard cover book. As an adult I enjoyed reading it and looking at the quality photos.

Love the book. Nice photos. 5 year old flipped through it immediately upon receipt. It has close-up photos of every part of the elephant, such as ears, tail, trunk, eyes. Also has great landscape photos of elephants and their families.

My son LOVES elephants- he always has, so I was so excited to find this book. What I didn't expect is that I would end up being fascinated by elephants too. The text of this book is really interesting. The photographs are really beautiful, some bordering on breathtaking. My son just turned 3, and I bought it for his 1st birthday, so he hasn't had the attention span to really grasp all of the facts in this book, but he loves to look at the pictures and tell me stories about the elephants in the book. I highly recommend this for any elephant aficionado!

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