



Animal Defenses: suggestions for more reading

This bibliography was created for the Museum's teaching kit on Animal Defenses

Barré, Michel. *How Animals Protect Themselves*. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens, 1998. Focuses mostly on animals who use shelter to protect themselves from predators.

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Bowman, John Stewart. *On Guard: living things defend themselves*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1969. How devices such as teeth and jaws, spines, poisons, odors, and camouflage protect animals and plants from enemies.

Brown, Andrew. *Armored Animals*. New York: Crabtree, 1997. How nine animals use spikes, horns or skin to protect themselves.

Burton, Jane. *Animals Keeping Safe*. New York: Random House, 1989. Photographs illustrate how various animals use claws, spikes, horns, camouflage, poison, and other ways to protect themselves from their enemies.

Carter, Kyle. *Animals that Survive*. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Book Co., 1995. How animals defend themselves from predators.

Cherfas, Jeremy. *Animal Defenses*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications, 1991. Describes the wide variety of means that animals use to protect themselves from predators.

Chinery, Michael. *Poisoners and Pretenders*. New York: Crabtree, 2000. How rainforest animals use poison and other means to fend off predators.

Clyne, Densley. *Catch Me if You Can!* Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens, 1998. All about insects and their amazing tactics for survival.

Dahl, Michael. *Do Salamanders Spit?: a book about how animals protect themselves*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2004. How a variety of animals protect themselves.

Ethan, Eric. *Coral Reef Survival*. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens, 1997. How creatures who live near coral reefs use various methods to survive.

Evans, David L. *Insect Defenses: adaptive mechanisms and strategies of prey and predators*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1990. Describes various methods insects and spiders use to defend themselves and to attack.

Ferrell, Nancy Warren. *Camouflage: nature's defense*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1989. Describes various types of camouflage such as disruptive coloration and countershading.

Fredericks, Anthony D. *Animal Sharpshooters*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1999. Describes those animals that survive by throwing something to either catch prey or to avoid being captured by their enemies.

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Ganeri, Anita. *Animals in Disguise*. New York: Little Simon, 1995. Uses see-through pages to show how animals use camouflage.

Ganeri, Anita and Andrew Peters. *Extraordinary Dangerous Animals*. New York: Scholastic, 2001. Uses a question-and-answer format to present some of the ways various animals protect themselves.

Ganeri, Anita. *Prickly and Poisonous: the deadly defenses of nature's strangest animals and plants*. Westport, CT: Reader's Digest Kids, 1995. How various animals, fish, birds, insects, as well as different plants, protect themselves from danger while endangering others.

Gentle, Victor. *Shark Camouflage and Armor*. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens, 2001. Describes the various ways sharks protect themselves using camouflage and armor-like skin.

Hoff, Mary King. *Mimicry and Camouflage*. Mankato, MN: Creative Education, 2003. How some animals use mimicry and camouflage to protect themselves or to lure prey to them.

Hoff, Mary King. *Fighting Back*. Mankato, MN: Creative Education, 2003. How some animals and plants use tools or techniques to protect themselves.

Jenkins, Steve. *What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You?* Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1997. How various animals around the world avoid predators.

Kee, Lisa Morris. *Whose Skin is This?: a look at animal skin – scaly, furry, and prickly*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2003. An introduction to the variety of skin and skin coverings that animals have.

Lilly, Kenneth and Angela Wilkes, Angela. *Wrinkly Animals*. New York: Dorling Kindersley, 1992. Primarily a picture book about various adaptations animals have developed for protection and for eating.

Llewellyn, Claire. *Disguises and Surprises*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 1996. How animals use camouflage, with a picture-strip on each page following an animal through a particular activity using its camouflage.

- Lovett, Sarah. *Animal Defenses*. Santa Fe, NM: John Muir Publications, 1997. Describes the unusual means of defense for several animals.
- Machotka, Hana. *Outstanding Outsides*. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1993. Explores how the outside coverings of animals protect them from enemies, the elements, germs, and drying out.
- Martin, James. *Hiding Out: camouflage in the wild*. New York: Crown Publishers, 1993. Photographs show how animals use camouflage.
- McCauley, Jane R. *Animals and Their Hiding Places*. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 1986. How animals use their shelters to escape predators and raise their young.
- Mirocha, Paul and Rhod Lauffer. *Back off!: animal defense behavior*. New York: Scientific American Books for Young Readers, 1994. A pop-up book about animal defenses.
- Mirocha, Paul and Rhod Lauffer. *Look again!: animal disguises*. New York, NY: Scientific American Books for Young Readers, 1994. A pop-up book about animal camouflage.
- Nadel, Marc. *Searchin' Safari: looking for camouflaged creatures*. Honesdale, PA: Bell Books, distributed by St. Martin's Press, 1992. Each page presents a picture of an environment where an animal is camouflaged, allowing children to search it out as other animals would.
- Otto, Carolyn. *What Color is Camouflage?* New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1996. How animals, birds, reptiles, and insects vary their markings and color to avoid predators and respond to their environment.
- Pascoe, Elaine. *Animals Hide*. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens, 2002. How animals protect themselves from danger.
- Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. *Hunters and the Hunted: surviving in the animal world*. New York: Holiday House, 1981. Describes various predators' hunting techniques and the survival techniques of their prey. Emphasizes the food chain and the balance of nature.
- Penny, Malcolm. *Animal Defenses*. New York: Bookwright Press, 1988. How various animals defend themselves, including some animals which use the help of plants and other animals.
- Perry, Phyllis Jean. *Armor to Venom: animal defenses*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1997. Describes a multitude of methods various animals use to survive.
- Perry, Phyllis Jean. *Hide and Seek: creatures in camouflage*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1997. Describes the importance of camouflage.
- Purser, Bruce. *Jungle Bugs: masters of camouflage and mimicry*. Toronto: Firefly Books, 2003.

Rauzon, Mark J. *Skin, Scales, Feathers, and Fur*. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1993. Describes how animals are protected by their outsides.

Sammon, Rick. *Hide and seek Under the Sea: how sea creatures hide from predators and seek out prey--without becoming meals for other fish!* Stillwater, MN: Voyageur Press, 1994.

Sowler, Sandie. *Amazing Animal Disguises*. New York: Knopf, 1992. Describes various disguises involving camouflage and mimicry used by animals.

Sowler, Sandie. *Amazing Armored Animals*. New York: Knopf, 1992. Introduces a variety of armored animals and describes how they defend themselves with built-in spines, spikes, scales, shells, and other types of outer coverings.

Swanson, Diane. *Animals Can be so Hard to See*. New York: Greystone Books, 2002. Photographs and simple text show how various animals keep hidden and safe.

Taylor, Barbara. *Scary and Sneaky*. Chicago: Peter Bedrick Books, 2001. Describes the various ways animals and plants use tricks, poisons, stings and disguises to defend themselves.

Taylor, Kim. *Too Clever to See*. New York: Delacorte Press, 1991. Photographs of camouflaged animals who are very difficult to find.

Whitehouse, Patricia. *Hiding in a Forest*. Chicago: Heinemann Library, 2003. How forest animals use camouflage.

Whitehouse, Patricia. *Hiding in the Ocean*. Chicago: Heinemann Library, 2003. How forest ocean animals use camouflage.

Whitehouse, Patricia. *Hiding in a Desert*. Chicago: Heinemann Library, 2003. How desert animals use camouflage.

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. *What lives in a shell?* New York: HarperCollins, 1994. Describes the various shells animals use as protections.