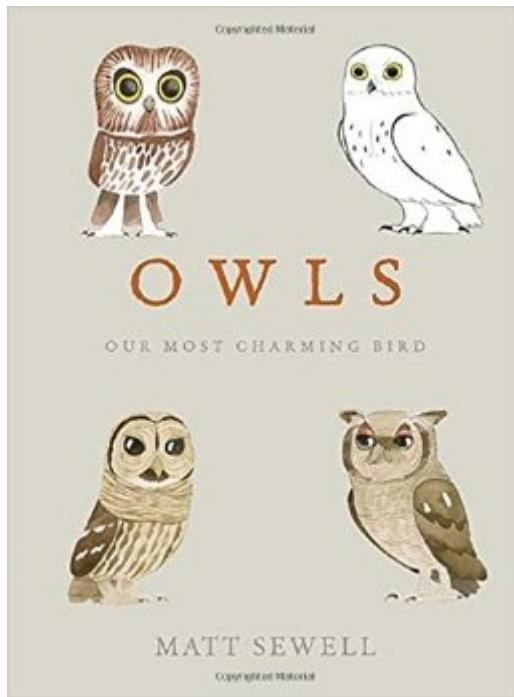


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# Owls: Our Most Charming Bird



## Synopsis

An enchanting illustrated guide to owl species of the world. The owl is one of nature's most captivating creatures. In this enchanting guide, artist Matt Sewell brings to life fifty species from around the world. From the adorable Eurasian Pygmy Owl, small enough to fit in your pocket, to the Great Gray Owl, celebrated for its size and elegance, these charming illustrations are sure to delight anyone intrigued by these wise and wonderful animals.

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## Customer Reviews

I am utterly shocked about the quality of this book! I was going back + forth between this book + another...my love for owls ran wild + I selected this book not knowing what to expect. Owls is filled from cover to cover of beautifully drawn owls of all kinds. I had NO IDEA how many different types of owls existed + how they live in all types of environments around the world! Matt Sewell is an outstanding illustrator who has published several illustrated books. Being an Ornithologist.. Sewell focuses his work on BIRDS! I love how he includes a quirky fun paragraph about each of the birds! Fun to learn about owls + to gaze at the wonderful colors + lines of each owl! The book even starts with my favorite owl...The Barn Owl! Sewell writes "Easily one of the most beautiful, elegant and enigmatic of all animals, never mind owls, the Barn Owl is transcendent to view in the wild: a shining pure illumination with dark, unfathomably deep eyes."

Owls: Our Most Charming Bird by Matt Sewell is unlike any other book of birds I have read. Reading

the descriptions I could almost see and hear the birds, as well as their personalities. Most of us understand that different dogs have different temperaments and personalities, but have you even thought about that in relation to owls? Matt Sewell captures these personality difference and uses them in a way which makes learning about the bird seem like meeting someones family. "Oh, there is old \_\_\_\_\_ over there. He might sound harsh, but really is not that scary. He keeps to himself most of the time and just likes to frighten others away. Now, the one you do have to watch out for is \_\_\_\_\_. He will steal your dessert faster than you can say "apple pie", and he is super quiet doing so." The drawings were the things that surprised me the most. Not only did Matt capture the personalities and characteristics in words, but also in visual form. The water color pictures of each owl adds another dimension to getting to know these charming birds. This book is not so much a story as it is a collection of the various owls from around the world. Each turn of the page reveals a different owl in and its description. For a bird lover this would be a fun read. If you are looking for a list of character traits and maps of regions then you are in the wrong place. I enjoyed reading through Owls: Our Most Charming Bird by Matt Sewell and getting to know some of our owl friends better. This post contains affiliate links. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.

I was so excited to receive Owls: Our Most Charming Bird by Matt Sewell at this moment in my life because I am in the process of decorating the nursery for our little one in a woodland animal theme with owls and foxes. I thought this book would be a perfect addition "beautiful hand painted illustrations, an educational component with all the different types of owls, and an earthy look and feel to the volume. In a lot of ways, I was right. I LOVE the drawings, they are beautiful. And I did learn about the different types of owls in our world. However, I will caution parents that this book is not intended for children (it's not marketed that way, but it was my first thought). I may end up having to remove this book from my child's room when he or she learns how to read. For instance, the Short-Eared Owl is described as a woman who has been up all night, saying "flying over open ground looking for her purse, mascara smeared, with a beast of a hangover." In every other way, though, this book is absolutely superb and I can't wait to show the lovely images to my child! I received a complimentary copy of Owls from Blogging for Books, but I was not otherwise compensated for this review. All writing, thoughts, and opinions are solely mine.

The word "charming" is used different times in connection with this book, and really, it's impossible

for me to look at it and not do the same. It truly is a charming little book! I love birds, period, but owls are one of the most interesting birds out there(to me, anyway). I never knew there were so many different kinds of owls! The fact that this little book opened my mind to more owls, combined with the lovely illustrations, make this a book worthy of the keeper shelf. The owls are divided into 4 sections. (Woodland, Tropical, Wilderness, and Desert) Each owl gets a 2 page spread, with its name, and a short amount of information about it on one page. It doesn't go into great detail, but gives you just enough to separate it from other owls. It's done so with sweet humor. The other page gets a precious illustration of that owl. It's a super cute book, and very helpful for those studying owls. I plan on using this with my boys as part of an owl study soon, and hope that we can see a real owl, in its natural world, as opposed to zoo owls. I've only got to see 1 live owl in the wild in my whole life, and it's a pretty memorable thing! I also just discovered that Sewell has several other bird books, and they are on my "top" wishlist now! I love this book so much, I can't wait to see more from him!"I was provided a review copy, in exchange for my honest opinion.

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