

National Geographic Readers: Sea Otters

Adorably cute and amazingly fast, the cheetah is a perennial favorite among kids. This National Geographic Reader will delight kids with beautiful photographs and mind-boggling facts about this majestic and mysterious cat. Did you know a cheetah can go from 0 to 60 mph in less than 3 seconds? True to the National Geographic Kids' style and trusted reputation, snack size bites of information provide easily digestible learning that fulfills both the reader's curiosity and sense of achievement. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoed.org/commoncore for more information.

Introduces several of the ocean's species, provides profiles of creatures, from dolphins and sharks to sea otters and penguins, while sharing facts about their characteristics, diets, and habitats.

Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and sentence highlighting for an engaging read aloud experience! A Robert F. Sibert Informational Honor Book A Green Earth Book Award Winner This up-close look at a fascinating scientific discovery highlights the critical role predators such as sea otters play in keeping ecosystems healthy. In Elkhorn Slough, an inlet on the California coast, seagrass grows healthy and strong in the shallow water. This healthy seagrass baffled marine biologist Brent Hughes. The scientist expected this estuary to be overrun with algae, causing the seagrass to die. Why was the seagrass thriving? As Brent investigated, signs pointed to an unexpected player helping to keep the seagrass healthy: sea otters! What do these top predators have to do with an aquatic grass at the opposite end of the food chain? Brent's amazing discovery gave scientists insight into the delicate balance of ecosystems. Follow science in action as Brent conducts the research that led to this major discovery.

National Science Teachers Assoc. Outstanding Science Trade Book and National Outdoor Book Award winner. Watch Pup grow from his birth to first dive and from rambunctious play with other sea otter pups to a frightening encounter with a predator. Bestselling author Jonathan London tells Pup's story in sparse, poetic text with vivid vocabulary while luminous illustrations by London's son, Sean London, bring the adorable Pup and his loving mother to life within the swirling sea around them. London's newest creation in his picture book collection about baby animals (including The Seasons of Little Wolf, Little Puffin's First Flight, and Honey Paw and Lightfoot) will entertain children with a combination of learning and fun. An author's note at the end shares fascinating facts about this popular keystone species.

Whales

Meerkats

National Geographic Readers

A Raft of Sea Otters

First Big Book of the Ocean

Follow a year in the life of an adorable sea otter as she creatively hunts for food, deftly avoids danger from a great white shark, and gives birth to a pup. Living off the coast of California in the Northern Pacific Ocean, Lutris the sea otter shares her life in a giant kelp forest habitat with many other otters and animals. Lutris is resourceful and relies on her keen sense of sight and smell to find food and survive. When her pup is born, Lutris lovingly tends to and teaches her daughter until she is ready to head out into the world on her own. Filled with important facts and gorgeous illustrations, readers will be fascinated by the story of these remarkable mammals. This latest title in the Secret Life series has been vetted by a sea otter expert and includes back matter with more in-depth information, a glossary, and further resources.

A mother sea otter gives birth to her pup in the ocean. Then, as she floats on her back on the water's surface, she lifts the little pup up from the water so it can feed and sleep while snuggled into her warm, furry chest. So begins the life of this marine mammal. In Sea Otter Pups, children will read how this little water baby receives its mother's undivided attention until it has learned the swimming, diving, and hunting skills it needs to leave mom and go off to begin its adult life. The colorful interior spreads and gorgeous photos of sea otter pups are sure to delight emergent readers.

Discusses the ocean ecosystem and the role of the sea otter as a keystone species in helping to maintain it, describing the otter's place on the food chain and what would happen if the sea otter were to become extinct.

Get ready for a walk on the wild side in this image-packed book all about bears! Kids will learn about different kinds of bears, where they live, and what they do. This level 3 reader is written in an easy-to-grasp style to encourage the animal lovers of today and scientists of tomorrow!

If You Take Away the Otter

National Geographic Readers: Cheetahs

Sea Turtles

Owls

The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem

They're SSSSLITHERY! SLIPPERY! They creep us out! But get to know them and you'll find snakes private, quiet types who just want a cool, shady place to call home. From the tip of their forked tongues, to skin that sheds, to the rattles on certain tails, these creatures have secrets all kids will love. Cool photos and fun facts slip us inside their surprising world. Dip a toe, paw, or fin into history with this fact-tastic Level 2 Ready-to-Read, part of a new series all about pets and the people who loved them! In this story, learn all about a sweet mother sea otter from California who inspired lawmakers to protect endangered species! In an aquarium in California, there was a sea otter who was a mother for rescued pups. She taught them how to look for crabs and open clam shells. She also inspired a state law to protect the endangered species. A special section at the back of this book includes tips on how readers can help sea otters!

Frolicking baby otters emerge from their den in the springtime and enjoy games of chasing, sliding, swimming, jumping, catching fish, and grooming themselves throughout the seasons of the year.

A story of learning, growing up and developing independence, set in the North Pacific.

The Story of the Animal That Evaded Extinction on the Pacific Coast

A Survival Story

The Secret Life of the Sea Otter

Return of the Sea Otter

Peek, Otter

Describes the habitat, food habits, and social behaviors of meerkats, and explains how they protect themselves from predators.

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A science journalist's journey along the Pacific Coast from California to Alaska to track the status, health, habits, personality, and viability of sea otters--the appealing species unique to this coastline that was hunted to near extinction in the 18th and 19th centuries. These adorable, furry marine mammals--often seen floating on their backs holding hands--reveal the health of the coastal ecosystem along the Pacific Ocean. Once hunted for their prized fur during the 1700s and 1800s, these animals nearly went extinct. Only now, nearly a century after hunting ceased, are populations showing stable growth in some places. Sea otters are a keystone species in coastal areas, feeding on sea urchins, clams, crab, and other crustaceans.

When they are present, kelp beds are thick and healthy, providing homes for an array of sealife. When otters disappear, sea urchins take over, and the kelp disappears along with all of the creatures that live in the beds. Now, thanks to their protected status, sea otters are making a comeback in California, Washington, and Alaska.

Meet the funny and adorable river otter! Young readers will learn all about these amazing animals. Through text features such as the vocabulary tree and the wrap-up activity, kids will be introduced to vocabulary in concept groups—helping them make connections between words and expand their understanding of the world.

Explore My World Sea Otters

National Geographic Readers: Sea Turtles

Pup the Sea Otter

Baby Sea Otters

Saving the Sea Otter

Who could resist celebrating sea turtles? They may seem like lazy ocean reptiles drifting with the oceans' currents, but they are actually long-distance swimmers that spend their entire lives searching for food and a mate. What's more, they come with their own built-in GPS, returning to the exact beach where they were born to lay their own eggs. Kids will learn all about these tranquil and mysterious animals through brilliant photography and illustrations, plus the trusted and distinctive content you love from NG Kids!

In this level 2 reader, young readers will explore the underwater world of lovable manatees. Follow these gentle giants, sometimes called "sea cows," through their marshy habitats, learn how manatees raise their young, and discover the threats to their environment. Beautiful photos and carefully leveled text make this book perfect for reading aloud or for independent reading. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoed.org/commoncore for more information.

When the sea otters disappear, why does their kelp forest habitat disappear, too? On the Pacific Coast of North America, sea otters play, dive, and hunt for sea urchins, crabs, abalone, and fish in the lush kelp forests beneath the waves. But there was a time when people hunted the otters almost to extinction. Without sea otters to eat them, an army of hungry sea urchins grew and destroyed entire kelp forests. Fish and other animals that depended on the kelp were lost, too. But when people protected the sea otters with new laws, their numbers began to recover, and so did the kelp forests.

Susannah Buhrman-Deever offers a beautifully written account of a trophic cascade, which happens when the removal of a single element affects an entire habitat. Asides that dig deeper are woven throughout Matthew Trueman's dynamic illustrations, starring a raft of charismatic sea otters. Back matter includes more information about sea otters and kelp forests, including their importance and current status, the effects of the international fur trade on indigenous peoples, and a list of books and websites for readers who wish to continue to explore.

At a glance, sea otters seem to have a laid-back approach to life. Look closer and you'll find that they tackle all kinds of tasks on their backs, like nursing their young or cracking shellfish for dinner. Young learners will discover how these water loungers stay so comfortable in their chilly waterbeds.

Sea Otter Heroes

National Geographic Readers: Dolphins

National Geographic Readers: Peek, Otter

A Sea Otter to the Rescue

National Geographic Kids Readers: Animal Armor (L1)

Young readers will learn about the river otter.

Get to know scales, shells, and other kinds of amazing animal armor in this engaging Level 1 Reader from National Geographic Kids, now with more than 125 books from Pre-reader to Level 3 in the series. Packed with beautiful and engaging photos, kids will learn all about these fantastic creatures. Learn about animals with shells, scales, and spikes!

This Reader is carefully leveled for an early independent reading or read aloud experience, perfect to encourage the scientists and explorers of tomorrow!

Presents the life of sea turtles, including where they travel, how they build nests, and what they eat.

Sea otters once ruled the Pacific Ocean, but the fur trade of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries brought this predator to near extinction. Today they're slowly coming back from the brink, and scientists are learning more about their pivotal role as one of nature's keystone species. This book looks at the history, biology, behavior and uncertain future of sea otters. Author and photojournalist Isabelle Groc takes us into the field: watching sea otter rafts off the British Columbia coast from a kayak, exploring what makes their fur coats so special, understanding how their voracious appetites are helping kelp forests thrive and, ultimately, learning how sea otters are leaving their mark (or paws) on every part of the ecosystem. They might be one of the most adorable creatures in the ocean, but kids will discover how their survival is key to a rich, complex and connected ecosystem.

National Geographic Readers: Bears

Sea Otter Pup

A Book about the Ocean Ecosystem

Sea Otter Rescue

Lions

Profiles the marine mammal's physical characteristics, methods of survival, and habitat, and discusses other otter species, such as the South American sea cat.

Introduces sperm whales, including their different body parts, how they travel in groups, what they eat, and how they care for their young.

Provides information about owls, including different types of owls, their habitats, diet, physical characteristics, and behaviors.

"Developed by literacy experts for students in kindergarten through grade three, this book introduces baby sea otters to young readers through leveled text and related photos"--

Manatees

Weird Sea Creatures

Sea Otters

National Geographic Readers: Ocean Animals Collection

National Geographic Readers: Manatees

Explores the world of manatees, including their habitats, physical characteristics, diet, behavior, and threats to their environment.

Examines creatures that live in the sea, including the blobfish, jellyfish, and moray eels.

Developed by National Geographic in consultation with literacy education experts, a series of high-interest, exciting and easy-to-read books contain simple text, National Geographic photography and kid-friendly diagrams, as well as loads of information about subjects that really matter to kids. Simultaneous.

Provides information about these playful mammals, including their aquatic habitats, diet, physical characteristics, and behaviors.

What If There Were No Sea Otters?

Let's Look at Sea Otters

Sea Otter Pups

Otters Love to Play

The Playful Life of a Furry Survivor

Everyone loves the smile on a dolphin's face. Though smart enough to become theme park tricksters, dolphins are first and foremost wild mammals. Melissa Stewart's lively text outlines our responsibility to conserve their natural environment. This high-interest book also offers an interactive experience to boost awareness of these adorable creatures. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoad.org/commoncore for more information.

Introduces sea otters, including information on their physical characteristics, eating habits, and how they raise their young.

Explores how orphaned sea otters are cared for at the Alaska SeaLife Center.

"Pictures and text about sea otters for very young children"--

National Geographic Readers: Snakes!

In this book, early fluent readers will learn how sea otters live and survive in the ocean. Vibrant, full-color photos and carefully leveled text will engage young readers as they learn more about the mammal's appearance, diet, life cycle, and behaviors. Take a Look! infographics highlight and label the mammal's range and habitat as well as its anatomy. Sidebars present interesting, supplementary information, and an activity offers readers an opportunity to extend discovery. Children can learn more about sea otters using our safe search engine that provides relevant, age-appropriate websites. Sea Otters also features reading tips for teachers and parents, a table of contents, a glossary, and an index. Sea Otters is part of Jump!'s The World of Ocean Animals series.