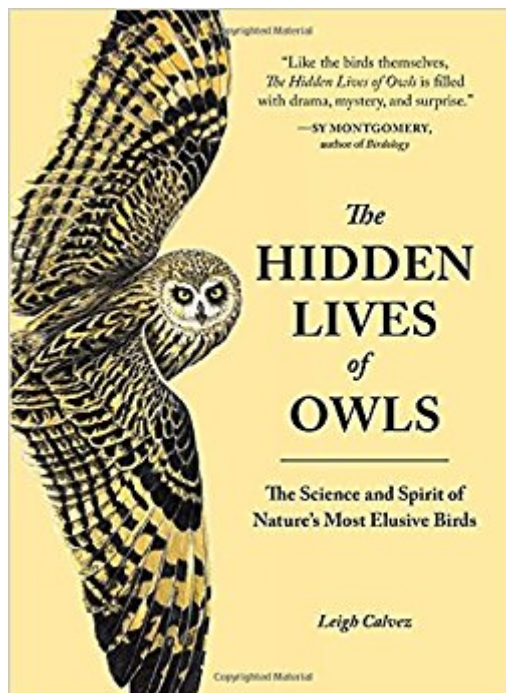




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# The Hidden Lives Of Owls: The Science And Spirit Of Nature's Most Elusive Birds



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In this New York Times bestseller that will appeal to readers of *H is for Hawk*, a naturalist probes the forest to comprehend the secret lives of owls. Join Leigh Calvez on adventures into the world of owls: owl-watching, avian science, and the deep forest—often in the dead of night. These birds are a bit mysterious, and that’s part of what makes them so fascinating. Calvez makes the science entertaining and accessible while exploring the questions about the human-animal connection, owl obsession, habitat, owl calls, social behavior, and mythology.

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#9 on the New York Times Best Seller list (Animal Books)PNBA bestseller—Leigh Calvez enters the world of owls with a sense of wonder as wide-eyed as her subjects. The reader shares every discovery along the way in this winning and heartfelt exploration. —Thor Hanson, author of *Feathers* and *Bartholomew Quill*—Almost like spying on the neighbors, Leigh joins the brother- and sisterhood of nocturnal birders who track and measure night birds for science and for love. I’ve often wondered what the owls were saying to each other. The answer is surprising but inevitable, like all good stories. —Kathleen Alcalá, author of *The Deepest Roots*—You’ll love going owling with superb naturalist and writer Leigh Calvez. Like the birds themselves, *The Hidden Lives of Owls* is filled with drama, mystery, and surprise. You’ll come away from this riveting book blessed with owl wisdom that will enlarge your world forever. —Sy Montgomery, author of *Birdology* and *The Soul of an Octopus*—Naturalist Leigh Calvez looks

into the almost-human eyes of these elusive birds and shares her riveting and well-told adventures of owling. Informative as it is captivating, this book is a compelling window into the science and secrets of these guardians of the forest.ââ "Brenda Peterson,â author ofâ Build Me an Ark: A Life with Animals" Aims to entertain by sharing...owl adventures in the field, and by discussing mythology and owl obsession."â "Forbesâ Calvez probes the forest at night in search of answers to the mystery [of owls], exploring topics such as owl calls, social behavior and mythology attached to the species.ââ "The Chicago Tribune" Calvez writes with feeling and is obviously in awe of these mysterious creatures.ââ "Library Journalâ This enthusiastic study of the owls of the Pacific Northwest may inspire new fans and citizen scientists.ââ "Shelf Awarenessâ [Calvez] unravels the mysteries of owls.ââ "Bainbridge Island Review" Top ten."â "Bozeman Daily Chronicleâ Leigh Calvez shares what she calls her âowl journeyâ in this beautiful book, which is full of sensitive observations and high drama. Itâ is a pleasure to see the world through an owlâs eyes, a point of view that Leigh herself believes has enlarged her life.â Certainly this book does the same for ours."â "Kristin von Kreisler, author ofâ An Unexpected Graceâ andâ Earnestâ An owling delight.ââ "The Owl Pagesâ A thought-provoking, behind-the-scenes look.ââ "ArcaMaxâ An ode to the owl.ââ "The Washington Postâ Reveals the natural history of 11 different owl speciesâ while weaving in explorations of human-animal connections, mythology and owl obsession.ââ "Cascadia Weeklyâ A look [at] the owls of the Northwest.ââ "The Olympian" A 2016â Washington State Book Award Finalistâ [An] illuminating journey.ââ "Sierra Magazineâ Explorations of human-animal connections.ââ "Chattermarks â Leigh Calvez is an owl expert who will explain why they are simultaneously cooler and more disgusting than the Harry Potter books ever let on.ââ "Seattle Weekly â Leigh Calvez shares many suchâ trivia-friendly tidbitsâ while providing the definitiveâ historiesâ of 11 owlâ species.ââ "Audubon Magazine â Itâ is time to talk about owls.ââ "The Seattle Review of Books "Calvezâ isâ The Hidden Life of Owlsâ is particularly entertaining to read because she describes the adventures she has looking for and finding the owlsâ | You will enjoy following Calvezâs adventures, as she begins to understand that the owls provide her with a way of âknowing something moreâ about her world than she has known before."â "Evergreen Audubonâ "Entertaining and enlighteningâ | a worthwhile and enjoyable read."ââ "Birdwatch Magazine" [Calvez's] writing integrates the luscious imagery of her surroundings along with the scientific data and analysis... it creates such an engaging reading experience."ââ "Owl Eye" This book intertwines the natural history of eleven owl species with Calvezâs personal experiences, adventures and often, close encounters."ââ "Bird Watcher's Digestâ "Bird lovers will enjoy."â "Peninsula Daily News" Standout title."â "Publishers Weekly

Leigh Calvez is a scientist and nature writer and the author of *Whale Watching on the West Coast*.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. For the hiker, naturalist, bird-watcher or enthusiast, this book is a real treat. The author participates in actual owl sightings, tagging and weighing specimens with ornithologists and adds profiles of each species for beginners to learn how best to spot owls.

An easy read but not as complete as I'd hoped. The author gives a lot of personal info- names, places, reactions and anecdotal info but leaves out many species. Primarily about Oregon, Washington ( her home on Bainbridge Island) and Alaska. A chatty saunter through the info.

We have many owls in our woods in rural midcoast Maine. Having read this book, I feel that I know them, not just the sound or sight of each specific owl, but the essence of them. They have a purpose in our world.

I learned a lot about owls. Informative and interesting. Wish I could see all the different owls!

Just received this book and, although I haven't finished reading it yet, I love it! Leigh's writing style is enchanting and very informative. We live on another Pacific Northwest island and enjoy listening and, on our lucky days, seeing the Owls that share their forest with us. Looking forward to reading and learning more about these amazing birds and will be buying this book for our owl-loving friends.

great and quite interesting

Really enjoying reading this, a lot more than I thought I would. I actually bought it for a birder friend, but I found myself fascinated by the material presented from the standpoint of someone just learning about owls, as I am. Very enjoyable.

If you want to learn about owls, check your field books. If you want to know about Leigh Calvez, this is the book for you. There are a few bits of information, some hand wringing about loss of habitat and, sadly, serious loss of owls, but it's a tough slog to find them.

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