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Nests: Fifty Nests And The Birds That Built Them



Synopsis

Sharon Beals' gorgeous photographs of nests offer a new window onto the life and beauty of birds. Drawn from the collections of the California Academy of Sciences, the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at UC Berkeley, and the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, these birds' nests from around the world offer astonishing insight into the intricate detail wrought by nature's most fastidious architects. Lovely images of nests and eggs are set against rich black backgrounds, and are accompanied by fascinating and informative portraitsâ "conveyed through words and illustrationsâ "of the birds that built them. A beautiful volume, Nests is the perfect gift for birders, bird lovers, and anyone captivated by the fleeting and fascinating splendor of the natural world.

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Customer Reviews

If you're as fascinated by birds' nests as I am, this book is for you. Each spread consists of 1 full-color picture of a gorgeous and inventive nest, and the eggs that are deposited there. Facing the page is an illustration of the bird that built the nest and a full description of the bird and how it builds its unique home. The variety is astounding, and the materials birds use are often charmingly colorful

or make brainy use of commonly found objects, the detritus of both man and nature. I intend to order another of these as a gift to a fellow bird lover.

I have purchased two copies of this book as gifts for nature-loving friends. They both loved it. This title has been out for a while ... this is not a scientific treatise or essay. Instead, the nests, selected from a collection, are treated almost as art, and photographed in a way that brings out their beauty in detail, which heightens one's sense of wonder about how they are made. How are they made? Birds do not teach their young how to build - there must be an element of genetic memory. Anyway, this is a just-the-right-size book for shelf or coffee-table, and a sure hit for anyone who likes birds and fine publications. - Daniel O'Donnell, Portland

very interesting book thank you

This is a birthday gift for my nest-loving teaching partner (art), but I do not want to give it up! I am going to order one for me also, but I better hurry since there isn't many left. There is an exquisite picture of a nest every turn of a page.

Beautiful book.

This is not only a beautiful book, the information in it about birds and their nesting habits is fascinating! This book has become one of my treasures. The only negative is that the book was not packed in such a way that the gorgeous shiny black jacket is protected. As a result, it was marred. It should be shrink wrapped at the publisher to keep it from being damaged because the cover is a work of art in itself.

This is not a field guide or a biology text. Anyone expecting that will be disappointed. What this is, is a wonderful artbook of bird nest photos, all shot against black backdrops and accompanied by a single-page natural history of the species in question. Printing is good, but not great. But at the same time, while a heavier paper and finer screen would be welcome, the accompanying increase in price would not be.

Love this book - very interesting but are they active nests that were nest-napped? That would be bad - must read to find out about that. I can't believe how fast I received it - ordered on Sunday and

received on Monday with no special delivery options other than Prime :).

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