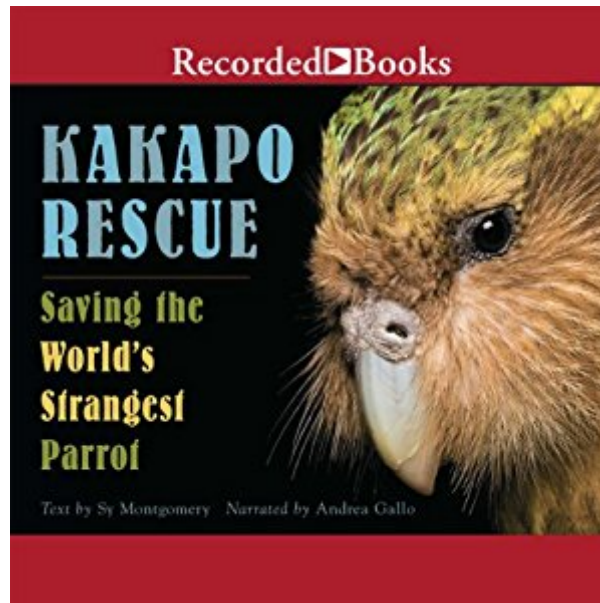




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Kakapo Rescue: Saving The World's Strangest Parrot



Synopsis

On remote Codfish Island off the southern coast of New Zealand live the last 91 kakapo parrots on earth. These trusting, flightless, and beautiful birds - the largest and most unusual parrots on earth - have suffered devastating population loss. Now, on an island refuge with the last of the species, New Zealand's National Kakapo Recovery Team is working to restore the kakapo population. With the help of 14 humans who share a single hut and a passion for saving these odd ground-dwelling birds, the kakapo are making a comeback in New Zealand. Follow intrepid animal lovers Sy Montgomery and Nic Bishop on a 10-day excursion to witness the exciting events in the life of the kakapo.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading this book aloud over lunch to my kids (six of them, ages 13 to 2) and I would say that it was a hit, overall. As you might expect with that age range, there were various degrees of "getting it" amongst the kids! However, we have also watched a DVD series called *Last Chance to See* that originally introduced us to the Kakapo, so that helped. Pros: fantastic photos! Wow! The text is enthusiastic, beautifully descriptive and has some nicely placed tongue-in-cheek parts. I was particularly interested in the sidebar piece on the original New Zealand conservationist, Richard Henry, and have assigned my 13yo the work of doing a report on him...seems like a great story waiting to be written by someone. Cons: Perhaps I was looking (personally) for some bits of more adult 'depth' to the writing and that would have been out of place for the overall work and its anticipated audience; I'm not sure. I was greatly saddened by the unspoken but clear ENORMOUS amounts of money spent on each Kakapo alive. I would not want any species to go extinct, but -

ouch! - so much on this bird species. However super-cool they are, they do not have the value of human life. Sometimes it's hard to get the right balance.

Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot should have been sub-titled Saving the World's Most Endearing parrot. They are so cute, fascinating, and lovable. And endangered. As of the publication date, there were 93 left - all on one island, Codfish Island, south of New Zealand. The book, from Scientists in the Field, is the story of the people trying to save the Kakapo and the fascinating facts we are learning about this bird and the other unusual inhabitants on Codfish Island. All tween readers (and adults) will love this story and want to volunteer to camp out on Codfish Island to be a nest-minder. The beautiful photos will hold the attention of even the most reluctant reader and all readers will be crossing their fingers for a happy ending for the eggs of Rakiura and Cyndy (only one ends happily). All readers will fall in love with Sirocco the kitten-like old Kakapo who wants, and desperately tries, to get human companionship. Hopefully, all readers will have a better understanding of how fragile our Eco-system is. A great read for 10-14 year old who think they don't like non-fiction or science books.

This is a wonderful book! Saving this species of parrot, which I didn't know existed, from extinction is such a worthy cause. The dedication of the author and those who working is awesome!

This book was an interesting chapter book I have ever read. The book was full of fun facts about the Kakapo Parrot. I have never heard of this parrot before and to read this book and learn about it and how it is considered rare was amazing and made me realize how important birds are in the world we live in. I like how this chapter book was easy and gave readers facts about the bird. Saving the bird was the main focus overall but each chapter of this book was wonderful to read and learn how the people set out to try and save the rare and mysterious flightless parrots. The author connected very well with pictures which were the actual photos taken throughout the journey to help save these parrots.

Awesome, we did this for a class group book on non-fiction. My kids loved it.

Anyone age eight and above who has an interest in birds, conservation, and/or the out of doors would enjoy this well written and beautifully presented book. The language is simple enough for young readers and sufficiently complex to hold the interest of adults who are interested in nature.

The photographs give the book the look of a `coffee table' book that any bird lover would proudly display.

I chose this rating because I liked the book and it helped me get a "B" on the project. :) I liked the book because it helped me get a good grade on the project (it was really helpful.) I wouldn't recommend this to any of my friends because they're not really into animals as much as I am.

Very interesting account of the scientific efforts to rescue the Kakapo parrots.

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