What to Expect When You're Expecting Hatchlings: A Guide for Crocodilian Parents

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Review

This book puts crocodilians on the same level of humans while offering a nonfiction way of learning about how crocodilians give birth. The book presents its information in the form of questions and answers as if crocodilian parents are asking the questions. It connects the crocodilians to humans through illustrations of human-like things such as doctors’ coats and swimming pools. It describes where crocodilians should build their nests, what the nests should be made out of, what happens at different stages of the egg’s development, how to know when the eggs will hatch, and other crocodilian child care information.

This book offers a good look at crocodilians and their early life stages in a fun, accessible way. The tone of the narrator and pictures make the crocodilians seem more like scary creatures and more connected to humans so that even kids who aren’t as interested in crocodilians can enjoy learning about them. The book has a lot of humor in the illustrations and text, but it is also very informative and will give kids a good idea of how crocodilians live their lives. Crocodilians (and curious kids) will find all the answers to their questions about crocodilian parenting in this book—as long as they can refrain from eating it.