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Gray Wolves: Howling Pack Mammals

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Book Review

Title: Gray Wolves: Howling Pack Mammals

Author: Rebecca E. Hirsch

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Publisher: Learner Publications Company

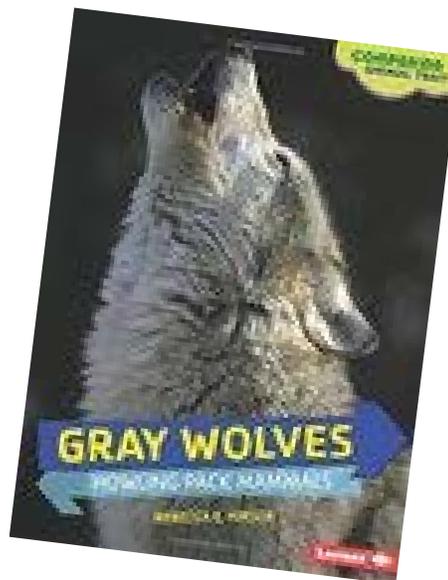
Year: 2015

ISBN: 9781467755771

Pages: 32

Interest Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Outstanding



Review

This informational text explores the defining aspects of gray wolves: they are mammals and the largest member of the wild dog family. The book also compares physical and behavioral characteristics of gray wolves with other animals such as coyotes and African lions. Gray wolves live in remote portions of the North Hemisphere, and the book discusses their habitat and their interaction with humans. Finally, the author explores the life cycle of gray wolves while comparing and contrasting it with other mammalian species, such as the dwarf mongoose and snowshoe hare.

Children will love to learn more about the gray wolf and other mammals as they enjoy accessible text, colorful photography, and interesting graphics. This is a great way to introduce children to more scientific vocabulary that is highlighted throughout the text and included in the glossary. This book is an excellent supplemental or homeschooling text and includes a link to a website where additional learning resources are available. Children will love the eye catching "Did You Know?" fact sections that reinforce the educational text. Not only are readers introduced to the gray wolf but they also learn about eight other mammals throughout the book.