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Animal Journeys details the journeys of many different animals, with some traveling huge expanses of land and others hardly moving more than a few feet throughout their lifetime. Patricia Hegarty starts by showing all of the long distance migrating animals traveling up to 57,000 miles. From Arctic terns to ruby-throated hummingbirds, each animal has a unique journey. Hegarty then explores several marine animals that migrate, including reindeer, hippopotamuses, and humpback whales. Migrating animals who live in extreme temperatures come next in the book, including the fennec fox and the dung beetle, and then the book ends by sharing the interesting behaviors of some animals as they journey.

Patricia Hegarty has created a beautiful book with the help of illustrator Jessica Courtney-Tickle. This book has a wealth of knowledge about many different types of animals presented in a clear, easy to read, and visually appealing format. The information is engaging due to the many fun facts included alongside the bright illustrations, which show the animal that is being written about. The book can be read in spurts because one animal is covered in one to two page sections. This makes it a great book to reference multiple times during a longer time frame, but it can also be read in one sitting. This book is perfect for animal lovers or those looking to learn some fun facts about many types of animals. It is perfect for second and third grade readers, but is enjoyable for any reader interested in animals.