

The Truth About Elephants

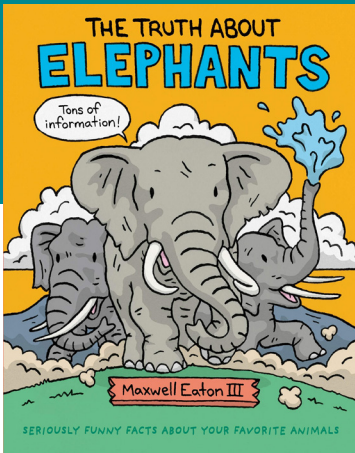
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Book Review

The Truth About Elephants

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Rating

Excellent

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Primary

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Elephants are the largest land animal. Asian and African elephants are very similar, with just a few small differences. Asian elephants have rounded backs, smaller ears, two lobes on their heads, and only one 'finger' on their trunks. African elephants have concave backs, larger ears, rounded heads, and two 'fingers' on their trunks. Elephants use their trunks for just about everything, from snorkeling to bathing to picking up their food!

For a book that tries really, really hard to sell itself as a funny book on elephants, its humor falls a little flat. It is all over the place, from the persistently picked-on jazz trio to complaining about the lack of crosswalks. It is very thin but, unfortunately, consistent throughout the book. Other than that, the illustrations are all full spread, bright, clear and well done. The actual body of the book is informative and interesting. The Truth About Elephants is short and fairly simple. Overall, it is a well-produced book.