

# The SUPERPOWER Field Guide: Beavers

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## Book Review

# The SUPERPOWER Field Guide: Beavers

Beavers are very unique rodents. They have very special teeth that enable them to gnaw through tons of trees. Their fur is super dense and their underfur has special barbs that make the best felt. Beaver tails store fat for the winter, are a means of communication, and help beavers balance, walk and swim. Beavers are great engineers. They can build huge dams, canals, and lodges, and can even plant underwater forests for the winter.

The author maintains an unpolitical feel while openly and honestly discussing things such as the historic over-hunting of beavers and the destruction of farmland/real estate that beavers are responsible for. She leaves the subject wide open for the reader to make their own conclusions without inserting her personal bias. The whole book is engaging, informative, and lighthearted. The illustrations on nearly every page feature cartoon characters that can be entertaining or help to reinforce the text. The only flaw in this book are the occasional quizzes. These quizzes feel like they're demeaning the reader. They neither give the reader information, challenge them, or check for comprehension. Aside from the three quizzes, this book is outstanding!

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### Rating

Outstanding

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Intermediate

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