

The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals

By Sami Bayly

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While the animals found in The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals may be considered just as the title suggests, Sami Bayly's illustrations highlight the beauty that they all have. Her gorgeous illustrations are paired with well researched facts on the animals, their conservation status, diet and habitat.

Highly informative, this book is suitable for older readers given the density of information. The language isn't highly technical, but is likely to be a struggle for younger readers on their own. However, each animal does have a small fun facts section that quickly sum up some of the more interesting traits of the animal that would be easy for younger readers to get into.

For teachers who want to use it in their classroom, resources can be found on Hachette's website which cover a variety of curriculum areas and would pair wonderfully with Bayly's other book The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals.