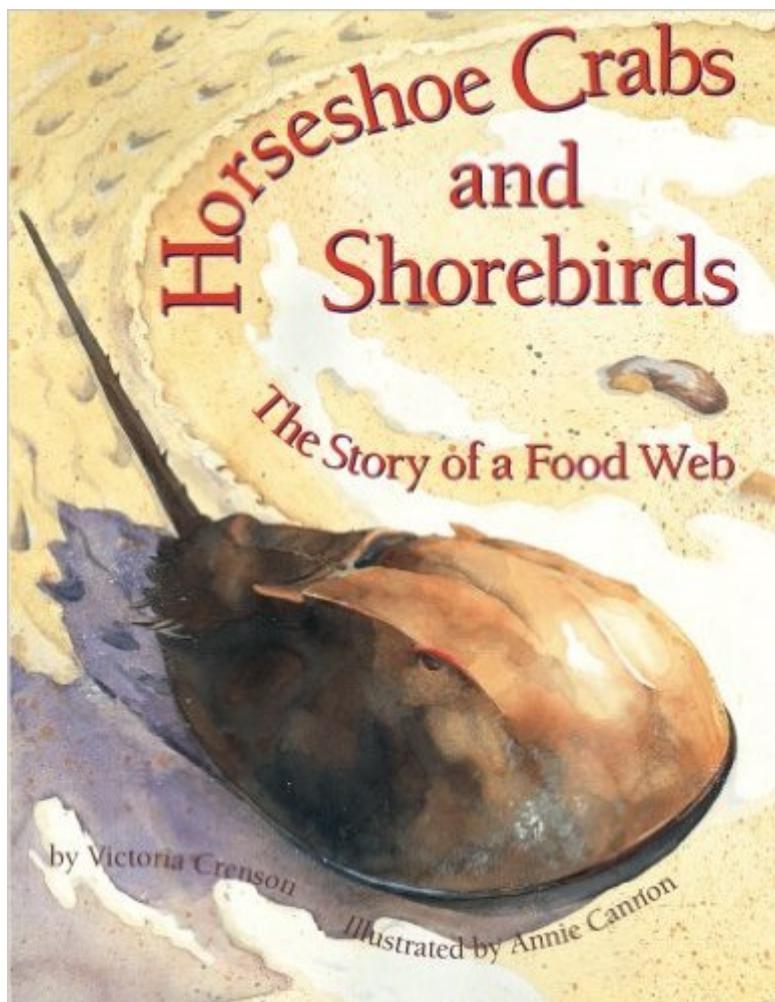


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# Horseshoe Crabs And Shorebirds: The Story Of A Foodweb



## Synopsis

Each spring, hundreds of thousands of horseshoe crabs crawl from the bottom of Delaware Bay to lay billions of pearly green eggs on the beaches. Their salty eggs provide a feast for scavenging coastal animals, but billions more are eaten by the flocks of shorebirds that stop to rest and feed each spring after flying north from their homes in South America. In recent years the horseshoe crab population has dwindled. In turn, the number of shorebirds that fly north each year has grown smaller. Illuminated with warm, detailed watercolors, *Horseshoe Crabs and Shorebirds* demonstrates the delicate relationship between these animals and is an excellent resource for ecology lessons, as well as a dramatic storybook for sharing.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

An excellent text and pictorial book about horseshoe crabs and their place in the "circle of life." Hardly anyone ever thinks of these creatures, but they play a crucial part in the lives of migrating birds as well as humans. Beautifully done.

This is an excellent book. This book has beautiful illustrations and good text. I can visualize young students really enjoying this book as they study the food chain. I enjoyed reading it. This book is

one good way to make learning more interesting for children. I like it a lot and would recommend it for primary class collections.

Informative and well illustrated? Yes. Depressing to read about the joyous celebration of the decimation (understatement) of horseshoe crabs during breeding season. Some of us actually like horseshoe crabs, and wish they were as abundant as they were 30 or more years ago.

I was very pleased with Victoria Crenson's book, Horseshoe Crabs and Shorebirds. It thoroughly covered the subject, and supplemented the text with interesting drawings. Her use of language and vocabulary was informative as well as meeting educational high standards.

The interconnectedness of life -- and the way nature is designed to provide for the needs of life -- is so fascinating, and is beautifully dramatized/explained in this book about the food web supported by horseshoe crab eggs. Each May on the shores of Delaware Bay (northeast coast of U.S.) over seven billion horseshoe crab eggs are eaten by masses of migratory birds from South America as well as local minnows, fish, shrimp, crabs, eels, turtles, foxes, mice and raccoons -- yet, miraculously, enough eggs survive to fully repopulate the horseshoe crab community. THIS is the type of picture book children should read -- not tall tales, fables and legends which fill the brain with nonsense and/or distorted ideas about reality. The antidote to adult disillusionment with the world created by man (human society) is a thorough grounding in the wondrous, awe-inspiring REAL world: nature, the Earth, our physical habitat. Nature never disappoints, never grows passe or trite or boring, and continues to offer awe, adventure and pleasure throughout one's life. Victoria Crenson is to be applauded for her well-crafted contribution to children's literature.

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