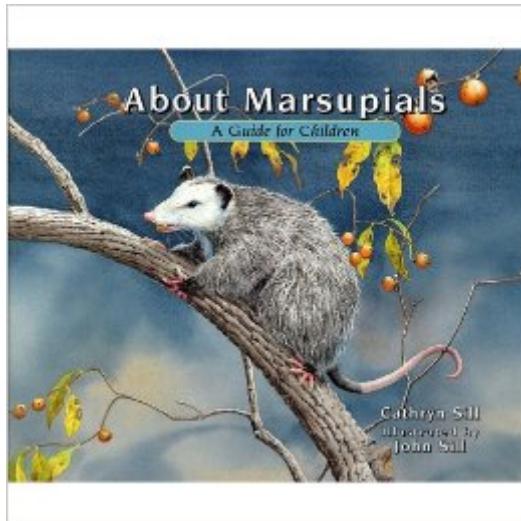


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# About Marsupials: A Guide For Children (About... (Peachtree))



## **Synopsis**

IN THIS LATEST BOOK in the acclaimed About... series, educator and author Cathryn Sill uses simple, easy-to-understand language to teach children what marsupials are, how they look, how they move, what they eat, and where they live. Illustrator John Sill introduces readers to a variety of marsupials, from the well-known koala and kangaroo to the less familiar cuscus and quoll. An afterword provides details on the animals featured and inspire young readers to learn more.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

About Marsupials is the title so the book is about...marsupials, of course. It's non-fiction. I really think everyone would like the book. I think someone who likes animals would especially like to read it. The glossary of facts in the back of About Marsupials is the most useful part. I thought the most interesting parts were that some marsupials have their pouch at their back legs and one marsupial, the Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby, is very small but can jump 13 feet wide! 4-8 age range would like this book. Even though it's not a story book, 4 year olds would like the few words on each page and they would love the beautiful pictures. But older kids would like it because of all the facts in the back of the book. There's a lot of information for each animal. I think boys and girls (and parents) would enjoy reading it. This book is very interesting. I give it 4 stars. Review by Connor C., age 6, Boston

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The 10th in a series of "About...A Guide for Children" books, ABOUT MARSUPIALS is a representative example of this terrific series. The "About...A Guide for Children" books are great nonfiction titles for the preK - 2nd grade set, each focusing on one type of animal (marsupials, mammals, birds, reptiles). The books are laid out in two-page spreads, eaching providing a very brief fact (for example, "Some marsupials do not have a pouch") and a beautifully detailed illustration of a specific type of animal. The large colorful pictures and the brief text make these terrific nonfiction additions to storytime and other read-aloud activities.

This is the 4th book in this series that we have purchased for our toddler, and each one is just as good as the last. The illustrations are phenomenal, the text simple but very informative, and everything comes together beautifully. I am certain that this book and series would be age appropriate for children as old as 8, but certainly are very good for curious toddlers as well. So happy to have found this series!

About Marsupials is not just a book to entertain a child it will awaken their minds and educate them about marsupials. It will definitely be entertaining, there are so many unusual looking animals. Most of the marsupials are found in Australia. We are familiar with the Kangaroo and the Koala. Some marsupials may have upward facing pouches and others have pouches that face their back legs in order to safely carry their babies as they grow. Red-neck Wallaby babies stay in the pouch popping in and out for as long as eight months. One marsupial is very common here in the southern part of the United States and that is the Virginia Opossum. In fact have to bring in the cat food every evening because there is a family of opossums that eat right along with my cats. But they have to beware of my dogs. My dogs scare the opossum so bad the opossum falls over playing possum, that means they pretend they are dead, which really confuses their attackers. I find it sad to say that some marsupials are extinct and some on the endangered species. Their habitats being destroyed by humanity. The author provides information about the characteristics of the marsupials and their habitats. She also gives facts on what they eat and whether they hunt food during the day, night, or maybe even both. The author and illustrator put this series together in a way that young children and even adults will enjoy and learn, looking at creatures in a whole new way. The illustrators paintings are so life like I thought they were photo images. I highly recommend all of the books in the About ... series. Disclosure: I received a free copy of this book from Peachtree Publishers for review.

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