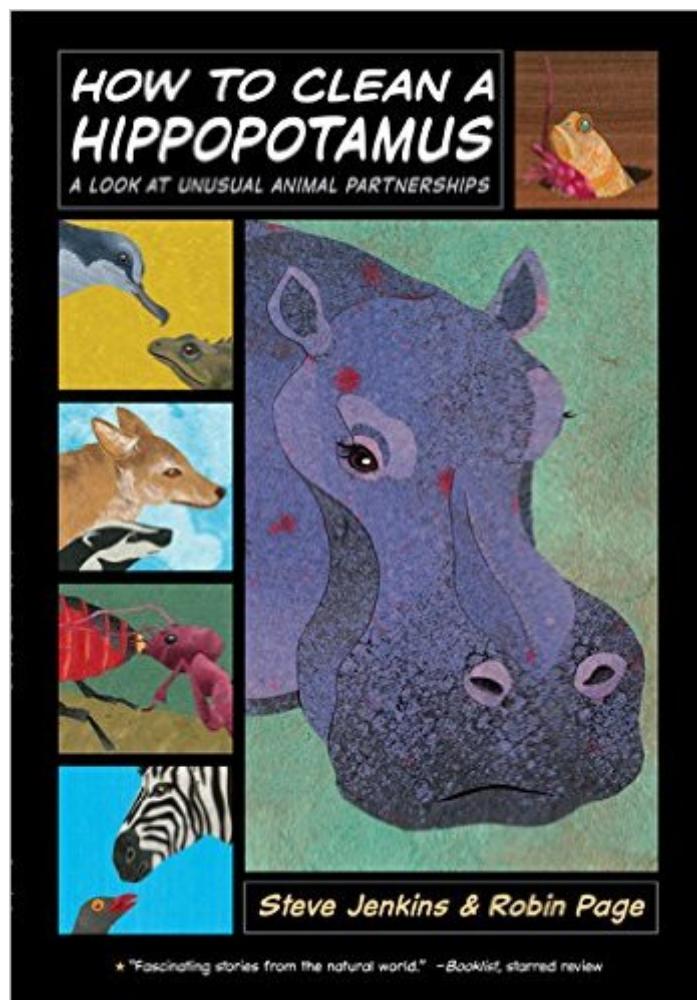


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# How To Clean A Hippopotamus: A Look At Unusual Animal Partnerships



## **Synopsis**

"Another outstanding offering from this extraordinarily talented couple." *School Library Journal*, starred review. *How to Clean a Hippopotamus*, a book about animal symbiosis, offers readers a close-up, step-by-step view of nature's fascinating partnerships. Find out why a mongoose comes running when a warthog lies down, how a crab and an iguana help each other out, why ravens follow wolves, and more. Witness the ingenious lifestyles of some of the world's most unusual animal partners in this book of curious biology, a symbiotic collaboration by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Would you let an oxpecker climb into your ear? Would you let an African helmeted turtle nibble at your jowls or sit on your back? There are many relationships between animals that are mutually beneficial. The giraffe gladly allows the oxpecker access to its ears because the little bird will rid it of unwelcome parasites such as the tick. Other animals such as the rhino, the deer, the African buffalo, and the zebra welcome the services of this little song bird, a bird who depends on them to find its food. The hippopotamus' skin can easily become "covered with algae and water plants." The African helmeted turtle happily nibbles "away unwanted greenery" from the hippo's skin and then

basks his cold-blooded body on the hippo's back. Seemingly unusual partnerships like these are formed in the animal world. One animal will forge a bond with another because each benefits in one way or another. These amazing relationships, "relationships in which each animal helps the other," are called symbiosis. This book swirls with animal life telling us how and why these unlikely partnerships are formed. You will find out why the honeyguide (a bird) needs to find a ratel or honey badger in order to be able to dine on bits of honeycomb and "juicy bee larvae." Do you know why the remora "attaches itself to a tiger shark?" Do you know how come the blue butterfly caterpillar gets red ants to "clean and protect it?" You'll read about these relationships and many more in this marvelous book! The amazing world of "unusual animal partnerships" will fascinate even the most reluctant reader. This book is set up in a graphic novel format and simply pulls the reader along as he or she painlessly learns about symbiosis.

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