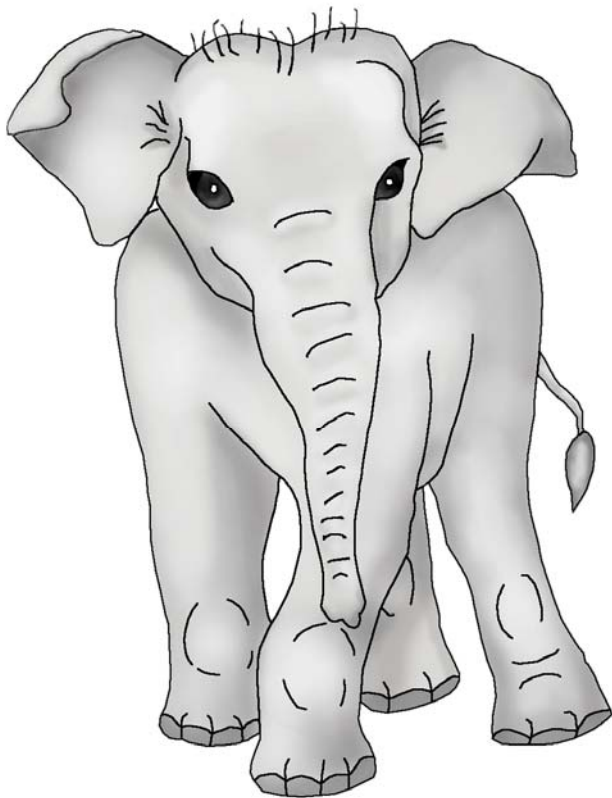


# Elephant Books for Children

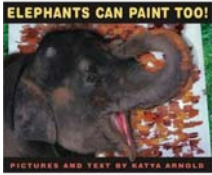


Ages  
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# ELEPHANT BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-10 YEARS OLD

## Books about Elephants

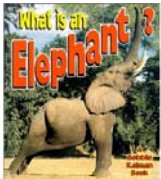
1. Arnold, Katya. ***Elephants can paint, too!*** New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005.



Ages 4-8

“When Thailand recently began to conserve trees that previously would have been harvested, domesticated elephants lost their jobs hauling lumber...In simple text, [the author] explains that she teaches art in two schools, one urban and one in the jungle, and that some of her students have hands. Others have trunks. Then tells how she trains elephants to paint and compares the work of her human and elephant pupils. The spare narrative is easy to understand and reads like a picture book. Additional facts about the elephants and techniques are provided in boxed sections...This fun-to-share offering would make a creative segue into a discussion about the plight of endangered species...” –Kirsten Cutler, Sonoma Library, CA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From: Reed Elsevier Inc. Copyright Reed Business Information

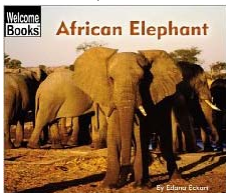
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Ages 6-12

“As the world's largest land animals, elephants inspire awe in all of us - an awe that has led to myths of might and memory. Despite its immense strength, however, the elephant is a timid creature that uses its power only to defend itself against predators. Kids will learn many facts about these gentle pachyderms, including: the social structure of elephants, in which the female is the leader; the animal's many, dexterous uses for its trunk; the history of the elephant's even larger ancestors, including woolly mammoths; the dangers that poaching, loss of habitat, and the ivory trade pose to the elephant's future.” –Amazon.com Product Description

3. Eckart, Edana. ***African Elephant*** (*Welcome Books*). New York: Children's (CT), 2003.



Ages 4-8

“African Elephants is a great book for young readers. It covers basic characteristics and habits. For example, "African Elephants travel in groups. A group of elephants is called a herd." (p.18) There are about two sentences in large text on each left hand page with a good quality photo on the right page. New words are listed in a glossary and are in bold font in the text. There is also a short list of other resources (print and web) and an index.” –Karen Woodworth-Roman, Children's Science Book Review, [www.librarians.info](http://www.librarians.info)

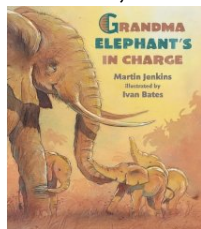
4. Holmes, Kevin J., trans. **Elephants** (*Animals*). New York: Bridgestone Books, 2000.

Ages 4-8

"Text heavy Elephants has lots of information! There are three or four paragraphs on each subject covered. [This book] starts with "Fast Facts" to grab the reader's attention. Photos are of good quality and some are labeled. [It] details differences between Asian and African Elephants, food, habitat, life cycle, herds, etc. There is an activity suggested, a glossary, additional resource lists, and an index."

–Karen Woodworth-Roman, Children's Science Book Review, [www.librarians.info](http://www.librarians.info)

5. Jenkins, Martin. **Grandma Elephant's in charge**. London: Walker, 2004.



Ages 4-8

"It's not just elephants that are big - so are elephant families! And the biggest and most important member of all...is Grandma. She's the boss! Find out why in this fascinating book by the author of *The Emperor's Egg*, winner of the TES Junior Information Book of the Year Award. Entertaining narrative text is complemented by facts on every double page, and an index and fact section at the back make this a fascinating and informative picture book for young ele-fans everywhere!" –

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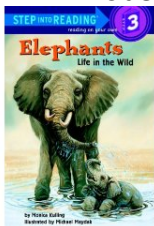
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Ages 4-8

"There is almost nothing in the world cuter than baby animals. And the babies in these books will make you want to give each and every one of them a hug. This dynamic new series marries adorable photos with illustrated backgrounds and simple, engaging texts. And after the stories, kids will know that these babies do many of the same things they do - play, nap, and run to mom!" –Amazon.com

Product Description

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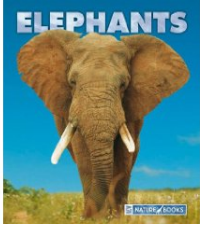
"[This book] introduces both Asian and African Elephants and details the differences. Illustrations are soft-colored paintings that look like the mattes in the back of animal exhibits at zoos or museums. One interesting painting shows an elephant on its hind legs reaching higher than a giraffe. [The book] includes some new vocabulary in the context of the story. For example, 'Elephants are plant eaters, or herbivores. They eat grass, leaves, and tree bark.'" –Karen Woodworth-Roman, Children's Science Book Review, [www.librarians.info](http://www.librarians.info)

8. Lantier-Sampon, Patricia, and Anthony D. Fredericks. ***The Wonder of Elephants*** (*Animal Wonders*). Grand Rapids: Gareth Stevens, 2001.

Ages 4-8

"Elephant tails can be 5 feet long, African elephants can be 13 feet high and Asian elephants can weigh 12,000 pounds. These are just a few of the many fascinating facts children will learn by reading this book. Children may know that elephants do have good memories, but they might not have known that elephants walk on tiptoes, flap their big ears to keep cool, and that their trunks can reach higher than a giraffe. Wonderful photographs accompany the interesting text." –Amazon.com, Customer Review by Mosaic36, written May 15, 2001

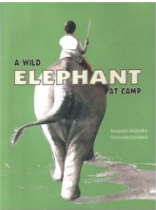
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Ages 8-12

"[This book has a] simple design, good quality photographs, and [is] well written. [It] covers the basics of habitat, African/Asian, characteristics, trunks, etc. [The book also] includes some interesting elephant facts. For example, elephants can't jump. There is a glossary, web site list, and index." –Karen Woodworth-Roman, Children's Science Book Review, [www.librarians.info](http://www.librarians.info)

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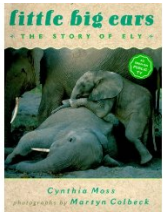
Ages 6-12

"An abandoned baby elephant is brought to a forest reserve and finds a friend in a tribal mahout child . . . Delicate duotone drawings complement this moving tale of a child's growth and his learning to care for another being. On-location photographs and a fact-file on elephants at camp further enliven this true-life story of a tender friendship." –Amazon.com Product Description

11. Moss, Cynthia. ***Echo of the Elephants: The Story of an Elephant Family***. New York: Quill, 1994.

"Moss has been studying the elephant population in Kenya's Amboseli National Park for more than 20 years. Her work here documents an intense 18-month observation, from January 1990 to June 1991, of a single family unit. Moss escorted cinematographer Colbeck as he filmed a documentary [which aired on PBS's "Nature" program]. Moss's charming writing makes for understandable science. Her text reads like a novel yet is scientifically accurate, unexaggerated, and highly informative. Readers will become involved with matriarch Echo and her family, kin, and clan." - Nancy Moeckel, *Miami Univ. Libs., Oxford, Ohio*; Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

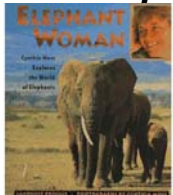
12. Moss, Cynthia. ***Little Big Ears: The Story of Ely***. New York: Simon & Schuster Children's, 1996.



Ages 4-8

“Below the snow-capped peak of Kilimanjaro stretch the warm grasses and abundant swamps of Amboseli-East Africa's most-visited wildlife park. Its grand scenery frames this photo-essay derived from the PBS documentary Echo of the Elephants. Echo is among the more than 800 elephants protected here from ivory hunters, and an established matriarch-‘the most beautiful and gentle of the grandmother elephants’ with ‘lovely, curved tusks.’ When she gives birth to Ely, a deformity threatens the young calf’s life. With his front legs severely bent, Ely cannot reach his mother's breast to nurse; he cannot get to the shade that would save him from the sun's needling heat. In this true account of Ely's persistence and his family's encouragement, the youngster triumphs and embarks on a normal (though sometimes uncertain) life. [Moss'] first-hand knowledge of wildlife relationships and intelligence shines through focused, clean prose. Colbeck's luminous photographs reflect the light, heat and texture of Amboseli as well as the power and tenderness of its compelling inhabitants. – Amazon.com Editorial Review from Publishers Weekly; Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

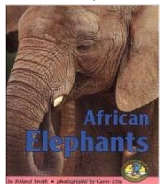
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Ages 9-12

“Cynthia Moss will fascinate young readers. A scientist without formal training, she entered her field through the back door and is now a pre-eminent researcher of elephant behavior and a compassionate conservationist. Pringle not only writes of Moss's work in Kenya's Amboseli National Park, but also tells the story of a woman who, despite adversity, has reached the heights of her field. Physical and behavioral information about African elephants is seamlessly woven into the narrative. How researchers live and conduct their work and why it is important become clear as Pringle describes the subject's observations of elephant family life. Moss's full-color photographs add wonderful detail and atmosphere to the text.” –by Susan Oliver, Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library System, FL; Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

14. Smith, Roland. ***African elephants***. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications, 1995.



Ages 4-8

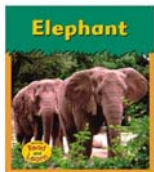
“[This book] introduce[s] young readers to information in an attractive and accessible format. [It] begins with a map and a list of words to search for, poses a question (quickly answered) at the beginning of each chapter, and concludes with a note to adults encouraging them to supplement the reading experience. Smith introduces African Elephants and discusses why they are both scarce and valuable...The full-color photographs are crisp and informative throughout. Useful and attractive, [this book] should add variety to easy nonfiction collections.” –Susan Oliver, Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System, Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc., Accessed through Amazon.com on 1/7/10

15. Suen, Anastasia. ***An Elephant Grows Up*** (*Wild Animals*). New York: Picture Window Books, 2005.

Ages 4-8

"Describes the development of elephants from infancy to adulthood, as they grow up under the hot African sun." –Amazon.com Product Review

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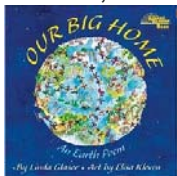


Ages 4-8

"Intro to Asian and African elephants that compares zoo animals with those in the wild. Colorful book design with excellent, photos (some labeled). Asks and answers questions such as "Where do elephants live?" and "What do elephants eat?" Did you know, "Elephants take care of each other. They work to keep the herd safe." There is a quiz, picture glossary, index, and note to parents and teachers that supplies some additional information." –Karen Woodworth-Roman, Children's Science Book Review, [www.librarians.info](http://www.librarians.info)

## Books about Conservation

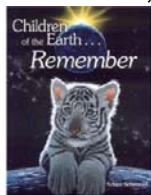
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Ages 4-8

"A joyful celebration of the Earth with the important environmental message that we share the planet not only with all the various people of the world, but with the plant and animal worlds as well. The loosely rhymed poem describes water, sun, soil, air, wind, sky, night, and moon and serves as a breezy introduction to ecological interdependence. Kleven's colorful artwork is full of subtle detail and depicts children and adults playing, dancing, relaxing, and working all over the world—from the African plain to a Caribbean island to a South American mountain. The artist uses an effective mix of media, from collage to chalk, to portray depth of scenes and vibrancy of detail." –Rosie Peasley, Empire Union School District, Modesto, CA ; Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

18. Schimmel, Schim. ***Children of the Earth... Remember***. Minocqua, WI: NorthWord, 1997.



Ages 4-8

"Here is a tender lesson of sharing and protecting the Earth, enhanced with stunning artwork." –Amazon.com Product Description

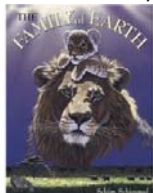
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Ages 4-8

“Mother Earth writes a letter to the children of our planet encouraging environmentalism. Powerful acrylic paintings compliment the gentle text.” –Amazon.com Product Review

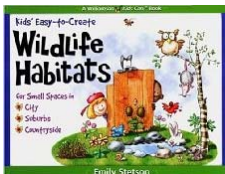
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Ages 4-8

“Lions live in a world of grassy plains. To dolphins, the world is water. Lush green trees make up gorillas' world. And yet, all these animals share the same world. This is the point artist Schim Schimmel makes over and over and over in *The Family of Earth*: ‘The earth may look different to each of us, but we share only one earth.’ Through his surrealistic acrylic paintings of leopards, penguins, hippos, and gorillas, each in their appropriate landscape (or floating in space with the moon and stars and planet Earth hovering nearby), the author-illustrator expresses his beliefs about planetary interdependence.” –Amazon.com Editorial Review by Emilie Coulter, accessed on 12/31/09

21. Stetson, Emily. ***Kids' Easy-to-Create Wildlife Habitats For Small Spaces in City-Suburbs-Countryside*** (Quick Starts for Kids!). New York: Williamson Books, 2004.



Ages 9-12

“This wide-format book shows children how to observe and support wildlife around their homes, schools, and communities. Packed with useful information, the book discusses characteristics of different animals and qualities that make their habitats suitable for them. It introduces common animals, their habitats, and the foods that attract them. Suggested activities and projects include preparing a feast for butterflies, exploring a rotting log, and making a compost pile. With sound advice and many helpful illustrations, precisely drawn in blue and gray ink, this offers children small ways to support wildlife close to home.” –Carolyn Phelan; Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved; Accessed through Amazon.com on 12/31/09

## Other Books

22. Frantz, Jennifer, and Leonard Stern. ***Animals, Animals, Animals! Mad Libs Junior***. New York: Price Stern Sloan, 2004.



Ages 4-8

“What could be more appropriate than a book devoted to all the animals, what they eat, and their habitats. With everything from your favorite pets to wild animals to farm animals—*Animals, Animals, Animals! Mad Libs Junior* is perfect for the animal lover in all of us!” –Amazon.com Product Review

23. Hurt-Newton, Tania. ***Unforgettable Elephant Jokes (Sidesplitters)***. New York: Kingfisher, 2004.



Ages 7-10

“This elephantabulous collection of more than 100 jumbo illustrated jokes will have joke lovers trumpeting with laughter!

‘How do you keep an angry elephant from charging?  
You take away his credit cards.’” –Amazon.com Product Description

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