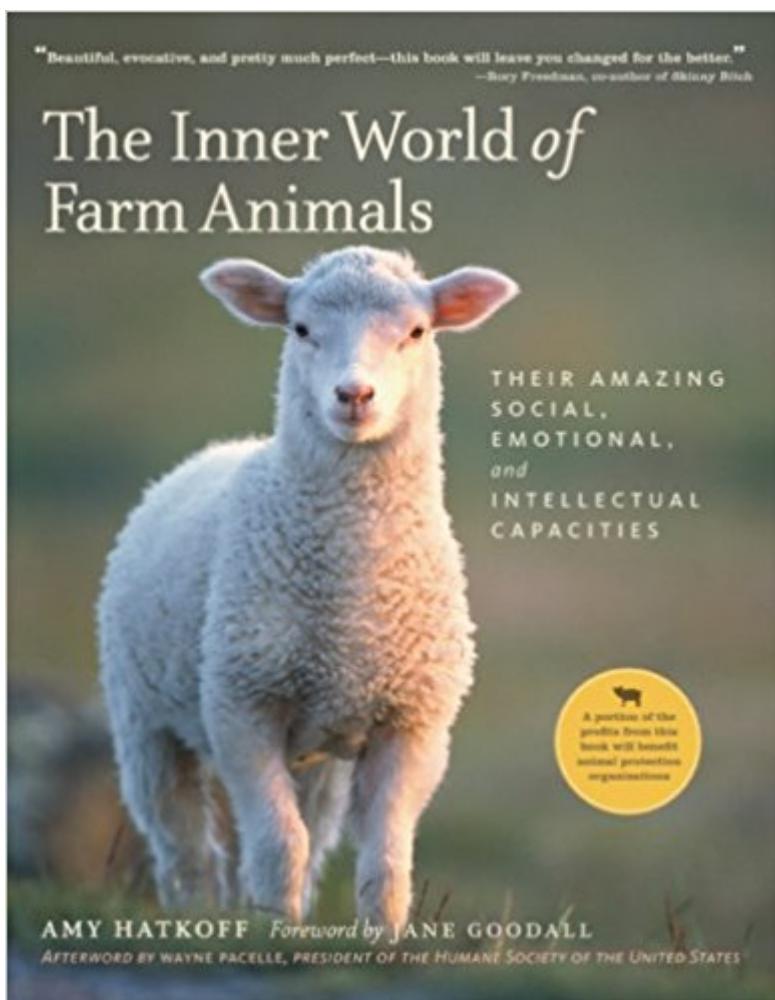


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The Inner World Of Farm Animals: Their Amazing Social, Emotional, And Intellectual Capacities



Synopsis

Chickens can count. Pigs are smarter than poodles. Cows form close friendships. Turkeys know one another by their voices, and sheep recognize faces of other sheep, and of people. Far from lacking thoughts and feelings, barnyard creatures demonstrate sophisticated problem-solving abilities, possess rich social lives, and feel a wide range of emotions. In other words, they're much like humans in countless ways. And, like us, they suffer physical pain and mental anguish. In *The Inner World of Farm Animals*, Amy Hatkoff combines the latest research on the emotional and intellectual capacities of farm animals with touching and often surprising stories to bring their inner world to life. Soulful photographs of cows, goats, lambs, and other barnyard animals complement the text, and add to the belief that these creatures deserve our attention. In this heartfelt book, Hatkoff joins the growing call for treating these sentient, aware beings with compassion and respect. "THE INNER WORLD OF FARM ANIMALS will surely change your mind about the emotional lives of these wonderful beings. Moving stories of Alice, a doting and dancing turkey, Hope and Johnny, two loving pigs, and Olivia, a goat with a wonderful personality, woven in with the latest scientific research, make it clear that we must stop abusing them and other hapless animals for our own selfish needs. The easiest way for us to increase our compassion footprint is to appreciate animals for who they are -- amazing individuals who care deeply about what happens to them."--Marc Bekoff, author of *The Emotional Lives of Animals*, *Animals Matter*, *Animals at Play*, and *Wild Justice: The Moral Lives of Animals* (with Jessica Pierce) "All animal lovers will love this book. Farm animals are sentient and they have true emotions. The photography in the book is gorgeous."--Temple Grandin, author of *Animals in Translation* "A beautiful, evocative, and pretty much perfect book--this book will leave you changed for the better."--Rory Freedman, co-author of *Skinny Bitch* "This beautiful, well-researched book should make every meat-eater think differently about the lives of the animals that turn up on his or her plate."--Peter Singer "Amy Hatkoff's insightful book addresses a question we've finally started asking: just how evolved is our place in the food chain, anyway? It's time we realized we are dealing with sentient beings rather than assembly-line widgets. Books like this one point to a more enlightened road: the future depends on us taking it."--Dan Barber, Owner and Executive Chef, Blue Hill restaurants "The Inner World of Farm Animals brings together a fascinating mix of science and story-telling about the intelligence and emotional lives of farm animals. A treasure-trove book, which will delight, amaze, cause laughter and, possibly, a tear or two."--Joyce d' Silva, *Compassion in World Farming*

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Customer Reviews

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This is a really good book for those of us who are pretty compassionate for all animals, including those that sometimes end up on the dinner table. It gives a much deeper understanding of how we are really not that different. This review is coming from a vegan, and a long time animal right advocate, and I was still able to learn a few things from this book. It is nice sized and full of really well done photographs. It never gets preachy, just gives the information on the interactions of the animal, their offspring and the family units. If you are looking for a book more on raising farm animals, there are better books out there that are more informative, but I for one just soaked this one up. I would highly recommend this book to any beginning farmer, 4H student, Hobby Farmer, or anyone who just wants to understand these amazing animals a little better.

I'm tired. I mean I'm bone tired. After throwing myself into the thick of the animal right's literature and websites and books and movies and, youtube videos, I just couldn't take another "honest look at the factory farming industry." Not because I want to stay in denial, but because, let's face it: this stuff is harsh and I'm 'this close' to burnout. And along comes this book; this little gem of a book. An oasis in the desert of our cold cruel world. Pretty pictures of prettier animals. Stories to melt your heart.

Happy endings. Remember happy endings? I'm not above saying I love happy endings. I'll go 'Out There' again in due time. But for now, let me rest a bit in this idyllic, pastoral world. Let me dream of having a little piglet of my own and conversing with a turkey. Just for a while, because 'Out There' isn't going anywhere fast.

The Inner World of Farm Animals is a beautifully written book, with gorgeous photographs. It describes the family structures and relationships that farm animals have with each other -- assuming, of course, that they are not in factory or traditional farms. The animals described here are the far too few, out of the billions who suffer every year in appalling conditions, who live in animal sanctuaries. Reading this book I wonder once again, how can people possibly consider these beings to be mere food and sources of clothing? The book devotes specific chapters to chickens; geese, ducks, and turkeys; cows; pigs; and sheep and goats. The Inner World ends with useful sections on what we can do, and a listing of animal sanctuaries. It also lists resources for further reading on this most important subject.

This amazingly simple, yet profound, book with stunning photos is a book for all ages. I wish I had the resources to place this book in every library on the planet! Some people throughout the ages have understood that there is more to animals than we have been led to believe by a society that treats them with such disrespect. Our understanding of who animals are is changing and the remarkable stories in The Inner World of Farm Animals makes it clear that we have erred greatly in our judgments of them. Peace is a universal desire but peace cannot be just for humans but must also include the animals and the planet itself. For those of us who care about animals this is the perfect gift to give to those who do not yet understand. I personally believe this book was divinely inspired. Amy Hatkoff is my new hero. She also wrote You Are My World: How a Parent's Love Shapes a Baby's Mind, another book with the power to change the world.

I LOVE this book....great gift to help people understand the sensitivity and wonderfulness of farm animals. I hope that people can learn how incredible these animals are. I have a 501-C farm animal rescue, and it is so difficult to reach meat-eaters as to the lovingness of these animals. They are intelligent, sentient beings who deserve so much more than what people think.

It's true that in most traditional "scientific" circles, the anecdotal nature of this incredible book may not qualify as true research ..but I have to tell you, as an average person on my own personal quest

to understand how "all" creatures fit into the scheme of things, I found these thought provoking stories and observations to be absolutely revealing - and a joy to read. And I can't say enough about the lovely photographs that punctuated each story. Absolutely incredible! Finally, I must say that as I've recently espoused a vegan lifestyle (mainly because of compassion, but also because of health), it was a pleasure to go through these pages without fear of having to shrink from some horror story of mistreated animals. Highly recommend this book!

I was captivated from the moment I picked it up and looked into the eyes of the sheep on the cover. This is a book to be read slowly, to savor the richness of the subject and to bask in the love that this book can't help but emanate. I will count this among my most favorite books. Enjoy!

If you already love animals, none of this will come as a surprise to you, but the stories of animals watching out for each other, caring for and defending each other, relating to other animals and to humans, is just amazing and truly heart-rending. It is also a very beautifully put-together book. You will never look at herd of livestock the same. They are not herds - they are families.

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