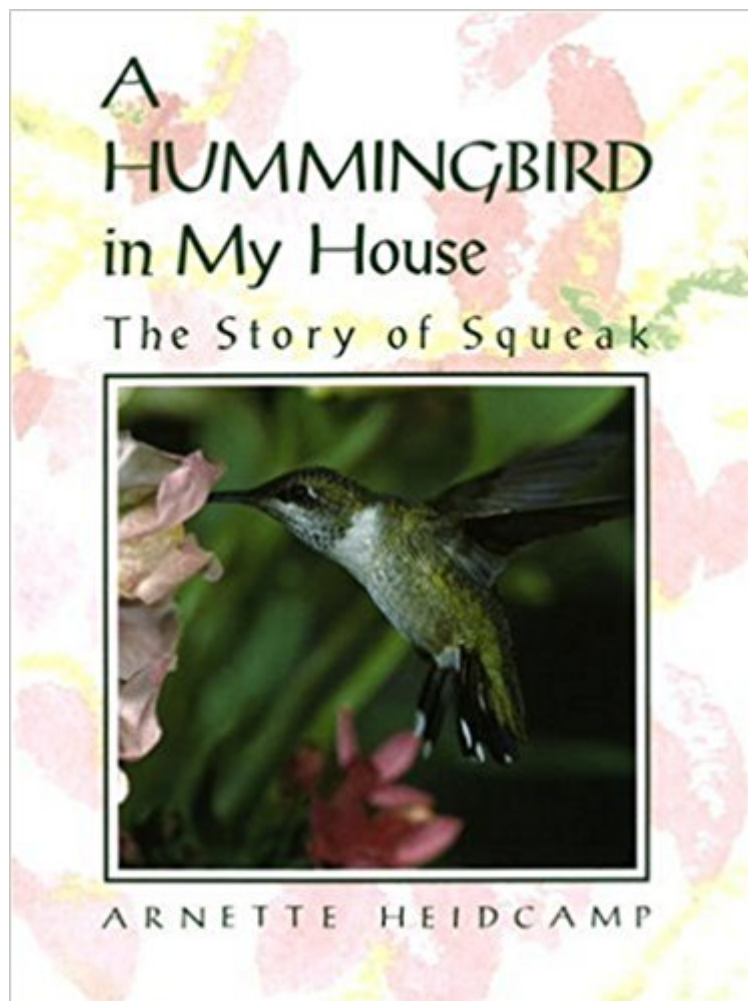




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Customer Reviews

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Arnette Heidcamp is the author of *A Hummingbird in My House*, *Bluebirds in My House*, and *Rosie*. Born and raised on Long Island, she now resides in Saugerties, New York, with her husband, George. There she pursues her interests of orchid growing and hummingbird photography.

I found this book very enjoyable because of my interest in birds. However, I did find it too factual. While most of the book revolves around Squeak and his adorable personality, there is a great deal of the author guessing about hummingbird facts based off of her observations of Squeak. I learned a lot about hummingbirds and found the whole story amazing. I would recommend this book to bird lovers. Also, the book itself is very well made. The hardcover, the photos, and the layout all combine to make a very lovely little book.

I bought this as a gift for my 90 year old mother on Mother's Day this year. It was a lovely little book filled with informative facts about hummingbirds based on the author's true life experiences with these small birds. She also covered the emotional aspects of having a hummingbird living in her sunroom and what she had to do to keep him alive & well. The photographs in the book were taken by the author too, so she covered all the bases!! I think the only negative thing I could say is that when the book arrived, it was much smaller than I had envisioned. The size made it hard to see the detail of all the photographs...and Mom is 90 years old...

What a joy this little book is !!! The photography is exceptional and so beautiful, of little "Squeak", the hummingbird in the author's home over the winter. This would make a wonderful gift to most anyone that enjoys the little birds around their home. I will share my book with friends and family and continue to enjoy it even more, myself. It is a quality book on heavier glossy paper stock. I also like how the author gave the correct names of the flowers Squeak enjoyed and went to, throughout the winter in her lovely home. This book is worth every cent !!!

If you are bird lover such as my wife and I, we have known, you can understand how special this would be. to befriend a little skittish hummingbird and have him stay in your sunroom all winter long. Having the privilege to see his movements and daily patterns up close, and finally become close to him and form a bond of trust. Such cute little descriptions of how he learned what he liked and how he trained her to help him get what he wanted. But this time I did not go to the back of the book and read so I could prepare myself for the inevitable. But his was not about him dying in the end. and I won't spoil it for the rest of you that love to read these books. A very good read with some beautiful pictures. well worth the learning experience. Brought tears to my eyes. But good ones.

We are now living in an area where there are many hummingbirds, and have wanted to know more about them. The story of Squeak, aside from being fun to read, accomplished that for us. The author's attention to every detail of Squeak's feeding, bathing and sleeping habits is entertaining as well as informative. The author has a passion for flowers, especially orchids. She talks at length about which flowers the hummingbirds prefer. I would have enjoyed knowing a bit more of her personal interaction with Squeak and a bit less about the flowers. Even so, I am filled with admiration for her amazing attention to every detail of Squeak's life, and for giving us such an enjoyable story.

This is one of a series of books by an amazing author who writes her heartwarming stories of her experiences with rescuing birds, especially hummingbirds. Read all, as they are very well written with nice pictures. Arnette has a special gift like her mother of being able to understand birds and persuade them to trust her. She is like a "hummingbird whisperer" and has saved many birds who were injured and sick. All of her books are so fascinating that I read them so fast and that is rare as busy as I am.

I always enjoy books about animals and people interacting and this one was no different; it's well written and you'll learn a little something about these tiny creatures.

which the talented and admirable writer, Arnette Heidcamp, leads the reader through - namely, the first months of a Hummingbird's life, from the beginning of winter to the advent of spring. Ms. Heidcamp has amazing expertise in both bird and plant life, and what one appreciates also is her great love of them both. One wants to thank her for this lovely book and for the precious photographs which accompany it. Throughout the book, the reader gets to know Squeak more and more, to understand the habits and traits of this darling hummingbird, and to realize what an intelligence it has. Ms. Heidcamp is dedicated and devoted and, yes, the ending is sad. I have to admit I shed a tear or two as a reader saying goodbye. I can only imagine what an emotional time Ms. Heidcamp had to go through, after fostering this hummingbird so carefully and intimately, when the time came to set Squeak free. I have already got several of Ms. Heidcamp's other books lined up to read, and even signed up with Random House to get an e-mail notice when she has a new book published. I can't praise this wonderful literary and photographic pursuit highly enough. Reading this book was a true joy!

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