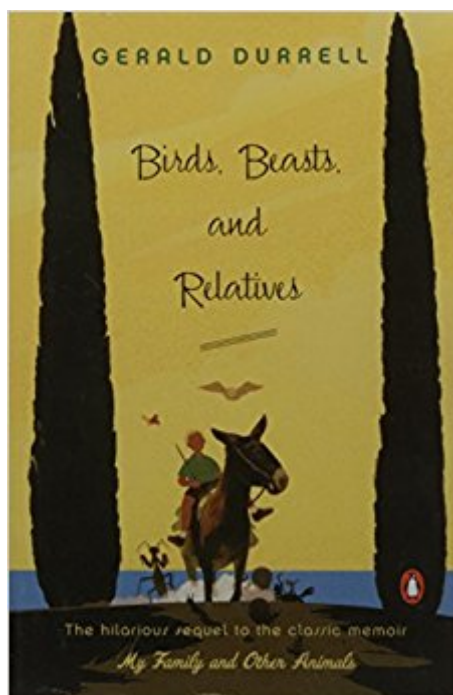


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# Birds, Beasts, And Relatives



## Synopsis

Volume two in The Corfu Trilogy, now the inspiration for The Durrells in Corfu on PBS Masterpiece Part coming-of-age autobiography and part nature guide, Gerald Durrell's dazzling sequel to My Family and Other Animals is based on his boyhood on Corfu, from 1933 to 1939. Originally published in 1969 but long out of print, Birds, Beasts, and Relatives is filled with charming observations, amusing anecdotes, boyhood memories, and childlike wonder.

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A delightful book full of simple, well-known things: cicadas in the olive groves, lamp fishing at night, the complexities of fish and animals?but, above all, childhood molded by these things and intimately recalled in middle age. ("The New York Times Book Review")

Gerald Durrell was born in Jamshedpur, India, in 1925. A student of zoology, he founded the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust on the Channel Island of Jersey. His other books include A Zoo in My Luggage and The Whispering Land (both available from Penguin).

Since My Family and Other Animals is my favorite book of all time, this is just as fun. Watching this young child's interest in science and animals grow amidst his hysterically funny family dynamic is a great diversion for the times. There is another one to get later.

I love these books! The fact that they are non-fiction makes them better. His descriptions of the island and his family bring you right there with him. He truly gets excited finding a new critter! There is a little bit of me in these books.

I was just disappointed to get to the end of this book... I don't want it to end. The writing is wonderful, the subject matter is wonderful...

Here in the sequel to "My Family and other Animals" Durrell paints a romantic and lush picture of Corfu prior to WWII when he and his family lived there .The stories have an authenticity to them, beautiful descriptive paragraphs of the island as it was 70 plus years ago. One gets the feeling that time moves very slowly on Corfu and if you were land there today, it would have changed little from Gerry's stories.

I loved this book, and can't wait to read the third one! Mr. Durrell is an entertaining and informative author.

I loved the first book, and so far, this book is just as enjoyable.

Delightful in its simplicity. I feel right at home with the family but unfortunately not with Corfu. I want very much to go there and experience it for myself. Thanks so much to Gerry for sharing all with us.

reading it now, loved the first one.

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