

CAN ANIMALS TAKE OVER THE WORLD?

Exploring the Mysteries of Animal Populations

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Book description:

In a sense, all animals have the potential to take over the world. A single lionfish, for instance, can lay 2 million eggs in a year, and a single tapeworm can lay 1 million eggs in a day! So why haven't lionfish and tapeworms taken over the world?

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Predation, food sources, adaptations, reproductive potential, habitat, competition, and life history all play a dynamic role in population numbers. Kids who love animals will enjoy becoming animal detectives as they explore these factors with amazing stories, fun facts, and cool photos. Can milk snakes take over the world? Their colors and patterns mimic poisonous coral snakes, and their vibrating tails mimic rattlesnakes, so many predators leave them alone. They eat rodents, birds, and other snakes (even poisonous ones!). They don't lay many eggs, though, and can't live in cold or aquatic environments, so milk snakes won't be taking over the world any time soon.

Includes a scavenger hunt, matching game, glossary, and index.

Selling points:

- Multiple science curricula tie-ins, including habitat, predation, life cycles, biogeography, conservation, ecology, competition, adaptations, invasive species, extinction, niches, food chains, and more.
- Strong visual appeal invites browsing
- Animal topics in general have strong appeal for reluctant readers
- Encourages connect-the-dot thinking skills
- Wide range of taxa included (reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds, fish, insects, crustaceans, and more)

About the author:

Dawn Cusick enjoys making science education fun for both kids and adults. In addition to writing children's animal behavior books, she is a college biology instructor. She is the author of *Animal Snacks*, *Animal Eggs*, *Animal Tongues*, and *Bug Butts* by EarlyLight Books, and *Cool Animal Names* and *Get the Scoop on Animal Poop* by Imagine Publishing, a Charlesbridge imprint.