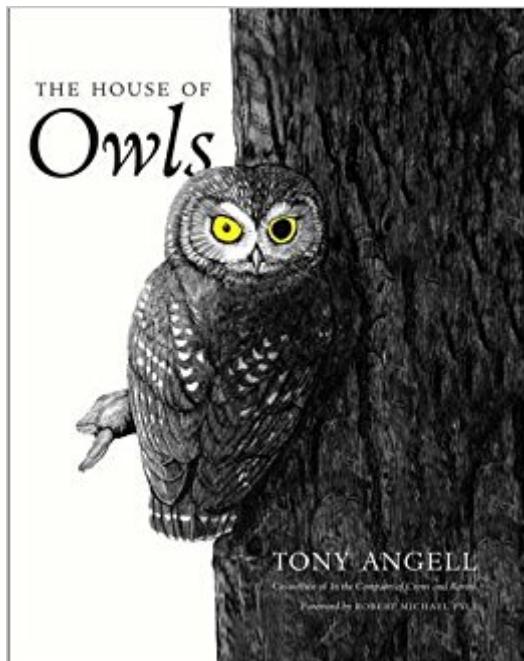


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The House Of Owls



Synopsis

Tony Angell, master artist and naturalist, offers an intimate account of owls he has observed, admired, and depicted for decades. For a quarter century, Tony Angell and his family shared the remarkable experience of closely observing pairs of western screech owls that occupied a nesting box outside their forest home. The journals the author recorded his observations in, and the captivating drawings he created, form the heart of this compelling book—a personal account of an artist-naturalist's life with owls. Angell's extensive illustrations show owls engaged in what owls do—“hunting, courting, raising families, and exercising their inquisitive natures”—and reveal his immeasurable respect for their secret lives and daunting challenges. Angell discusses the unique characteristics that distinguish owls from other bird species and provides a fascinating overview of the impact owls have had on human culture and thought. He also offers detailed scientific descriptions of the nineteen species of owls found in North America, as well as their close relatives elsewhere. Always emphasizing the interaction of humans and owls, the author affirms by his own example the power of these birds both to beguile and to inspire.

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Customer Reviews

This book takes my love of owls to new heights with some great insights into what makes these great birds tick. The personal account of the owl family starting up outside his bedroom window would be a dream come true for me. The drawings and sketches help bring these accounts to life. I would recommend this book for any other lover of these magnificent creatures.

I think you have to be a bird/owl lover to like this book. Since I am, I loved it. Lots of information and great pictures drawn by the author. The last part of the book is a synopsis of information about each owl species native to North America. It's dryer than the first part of the book, but I liked getting the information.

Wonderful and much insight. The author has raised owls and the line drawings are out of this world. Rarely does a wild life book have such power. This is a celebration of the magnificent Owl

This is an odd book, a combination of what is essentially a guide to owls, a venue for Angell's art and a lot of autobiographical detail of a lifetime spent in art and nature (not much about the art, though). Angell's black-and-white sketches have the look of wood block prints, although most seem to be pencil or pen-and-ink. There are lots of illustrations of all the owls. His focus is North America, although some of the owls also have ranges into northern Eurasia. Chapter 2, About Owls, is the most interesting, full of information about various aspects of various owl species. Chapter 3, on owls and human culture, is the weakest chapter, and doesn't say a lot about owls and human culture overall. Chapter 4 discusses owls and people, Chapter 5 looks at owls in unique habitats and Chapter 6 looks at owls of "wild and remote places." I'm not sure about the difference in focus, but these two chapters between them form a good, highly readable nature guide. The range maps are good (also in black and white as are all the illustrations). I don't know if anyone has an interest in doing a study of nature writers, but the portions about Angell's experiences with owls, and a number of personal stories, would be prime material for such a study. I came away with much more appreciation for Angell as a man, naturalist and artist, as well as coming away with a better understanding of owls. He's concerned about the future of some species, partly because of habitat destruction and some because of climate change, but he seems to be hopeful for the future.

07/22/2015: Shipment packaged well and delivered in a timely manner. Great book by an wonderfully informed and interesting author. Others have written book reviews for this, so I just say you won't go wrong buying this for someone who loves birds. They will think you are the bees knees.

For anyone who is fascinated with owls, this is a must read. It is well written and highly informative as well as enjoyable. The illustrations are the crowning touch! Although I already had a good deal of

knowledge about owls, there was still plenty of information that was new to me.

This an excellent book filled with beautiful insights into these lovely creatures as told by someone who truly cares for and respects them. Woderfull illustrations and filled with interesting facts. It will be both an inspiration and a reference for many years.

Very detailed and interesting. Written for the lay birder. This book will make you an expert when you go owling!!

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