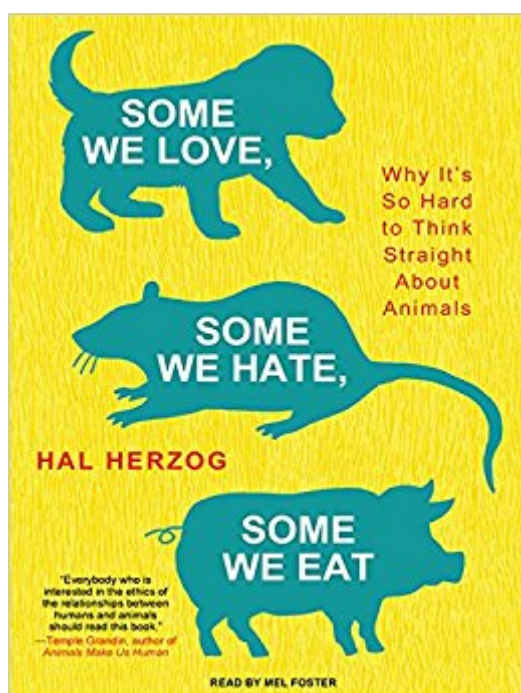


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# Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard To Think Straight About Animals



## Synopsis

Combining the boundless intellect of Malcolm Gladwell with the irreverent humor of Mary Roach and the paradigm-shifting analysis of Jared Diamond, a leading scientist offers an unprecedented look inside our complex and often paradoxical relationships with animals.

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Mel Foster delivers a lively performance of Herzog's exploration of human-animal relationships. Based on his biomedical research and the study of anthrozoology, Herzog investigates everything from animal rights activists to factory farming in an effort to better understand the way we relate to animals and to determine what these relationships reveal about the human experience. Foster's narration is straightforward and well paced; he both elucidates complex scientific concepts and entertains with renderings of real-life--and often comedic--animal anecdotes. Perhaps more importantly, Foster's narration is objective; he manages to bring fairness and balance to the controversial subject of animal rights. Never preachy, never divisive, Foster produces an audiobook that will appeal to all listeners, be they committed vegans or enthusiastic big game hunters. A Harper hardcover (Reviews, July 26). (Sept.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

Wonderful. . . . An engagingly written book that only seems to be about animals. Herzog's deepest questions are about men, women and children. (Karen Sandstrom, Cleveland Plain Dealer ) A fascinating, thoughtful, and thoroughly enjoyable exploration of a major dimension of human

experience. (Steven Pinker, Harvard College Professor of Psychology, Harvard University, and author of *How the Mind Works* and *The Stuff of Thought*) A fun read. . . . What buoys this book is Herzog's voice. He's an assured, knowledgeable and friendly guide. (Associated Press) One of a kind. I don't know when I've read anything more comprehensive about our highly involved, highly contradictory relationships with animals, relationships which we mindlessly, placidly continue no matter how irrational they may be....This page-turning book is quite something you won't forget it any time soon. (Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, author of *The Hidden Life of Deer: Lessons from the Natural World*) Everybody who is interested in the ethics of our relationship between humans and animals should read this book. (Temple Grandin, author of *Animals Make Us Human*) This is a wonderful book wildly readable, funny, scientifically sound, and with surprising moments of deep, challenging thoughts. I loved it. (Robert M. Sapolsky, Neuroscientist, Stanford University, and author of *Monkeyluv* and *A Primate's Memoir*) Hal Herzog does for our relationships with animals what Michael Pollan's *Omnivore's Dilemma* did for our relationships with food....The book is a joy to read, and no matter what your beliefs are now, it will change how you think. (Sam Gosling, Professor of Psychology, University of Texas, Austin, author of *Snoop: What Your Stuff Says About You*) Hal Herzog deftly blends anecdote with scientific research to show how almost any moral or ethical position regarding our relationship with animals can lead to absurd consequences. In an utterly appealing narrative, he reveals the quirky...ways we humans try to make sense of these absurdities. (Irene M. Pepperberg, author of *Alex & Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Uncovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence and Formed a Deep Bond in the Process*) *Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat* is both educational and enjoyable, a page-turner that I dare say puts Herzog in the same class as Malcolm Gladwell and Michael Lewis. Read this book. You'll learn some, you'll laugh some, you'll love some. (BookPage) --VariousAnimal behaviorist and anthrozoologist Herzog (psychology, Western Carolina Univ.) combines his personal ethical and moral views with scientific research and real-life anecdotes to create this fascinating, thought-provoking book on the conflicting relationships between humans and animals. Audie Award winner Mel Foster's (*Finding God in Unexpected Places*) lively and expressive narration holds listeners' attention, while the high production quality, coupled with the convenient end-of-disc announcements, make statement repetition unnecessary. Highly recommended for those interested in animal/human interaction or moral and ethical questions concerning the animal/human relationship, as well as philosophy students. --Library Journal Starred Audio Review

I couldn't put it down and I HIGHLY recommend to everyone! Especially those animal advocates

who tend to believe that everyone should be vegan or vegetarian. This book truly makes you think, and it doesn't give you any absolute conclusions so it really makes you think all about what you believe, know, and understand. It truly gives you a backbone to understand both sides, and form a conclusion that fits your own morals and beliefs--whatever that may be!

Excellent, thought provoking book.

Thought-provoking, educational, and very interesting. This is a great book for all animal lovers and anybody who is interested in human-animal relations.

I picked this book for my interest in animal facts as well as insight into human behavior. This book delivered on both. The author provides a plethora of metaphors and anecdotes to illustrate his points and he frames each topic of discussion in a manner that makes his reasoning easy to follow. Not sure I will be making any staggering life changes in response to the things I learned from the book, but my awareness of the vast complexity of the human relationship with various animals has without a doubt been expanded.

For an anthrozoology class where ethics and reasoning are debated. This novel does a great job covering and discussing reasons for our mixed views on animal ethics. Great to read whether you have to or are looking for something educational and fun.

I highly recommend this book. It is a very well written, entertaining read. In addition, the book provides a great amount of information pertaining to human feelings and behavior about and animals and about animal feelings and behavior. It also demonstrates that virtually everyone is inconsistent in the way they think about and treat animals, and suggests that such inconsistency may be inherent in the human species. This book should be of special interest to those people who are considering a vegetarian or vegan diet for spiritual reasons.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable and fascinating book. The author writes very clearly in a humorous and fascinating fashion.

Well written and thought provoking, but it is really a rich country/religious problem. The idea that some animals are sacred, or are members of the family rather than being pets or dinner is simply

one I don't agree with. The book did stir a good discussion at our bookclub, several members had read the book multiple times. Several others were in my camp, so discussion was spirited!

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