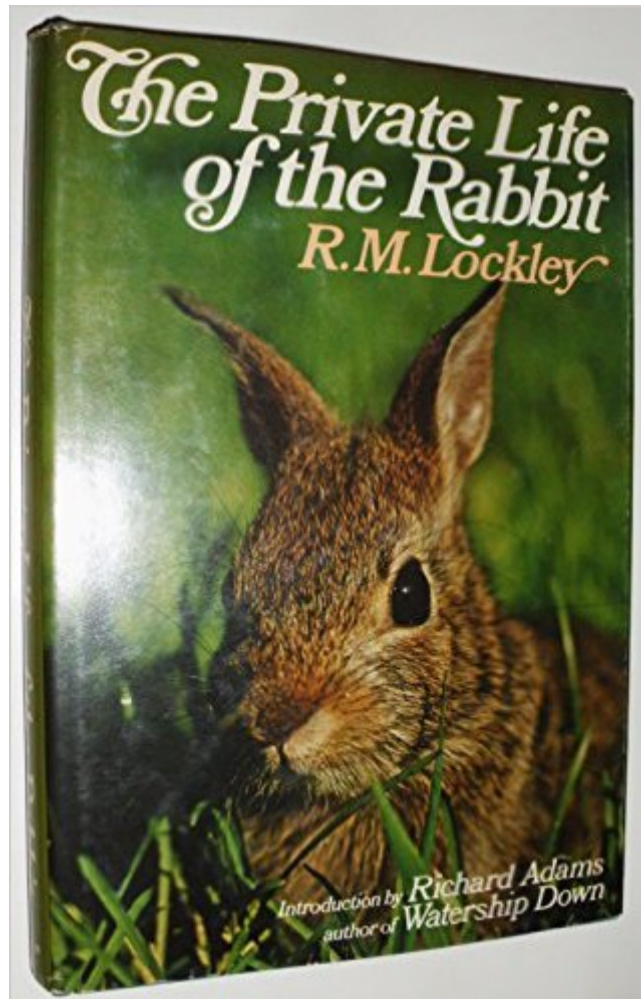


The book was found

The Private Life Of The Rabbit: An Account Of The Life History And Social Behavior Of The Wild Rabbit



Synopsis

Written with an evident love of animals and nature, 'The Private Life of the Rabbit' presents a completely new picture of the wild rabbit and its way of life. Mt. Lockley, who observed rabbits in Wales over a 5 year period, shows that they have a complex community life little understood by the world in general. These vegetarian creatures possess both dignity and 'animality'; psychological factors play as large a part in shaping their lives as they do in ours. One finds, too, that their reputation for promiscuity and wanton reproduction is really undeserved. Lockley built an artificial warren with glass sides and several tracts of natural habitat—an open plain, a woodlot, a lushly vegetated savannah were enclosed and arranged for maximum ease of observation with minimum interference. This controlled rabbit colony was observed every day and night in every season and in all kinds of weather. In Lockley's account, rabbits emerge with characteristics and personalities of their own. The nicknames he gives them (Weary Willie, Timid Timothy, Bold Benjamin, for example) in no way lessen the objective and scientific accuracy of his findings. In fact, this touch of individuality reinforces the observation that rabbits are creatures with interests, wills, and preferences of their own. Female conservatism, scent setting or 'chinning' by dominant males, the ability of the female to absorb her fertilized embryo, the stress of subordinate status...and more, are revealed here. CONTENTS: Intro by Richard Adams * the Mind of the Rabbit * The Coney Garth * The Nucleus * The Dynasty in Plain * The Kings of Wood * Over-populated World * Hard Times * The Idyll in Savanna * Life Underground * Reingestion * Population and Birth Control * Myxomatosis * The Rabbit Wild and Free

Book Information

Hardcover: 152 pages

Publisher: Macmillan Publishing Co. (1974)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 002573900X

ISBN-13: 978-0025739000

Product Dimensions: 9.2 x 6.3 x 0.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (11 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #790,698 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #194 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Pets & Animal Care > Rabbits](#) #739 in [Books > Science & Math > Biological Sciences > Animals > Mammals](#) #18262 in [Books > Science & Math > Nature & Ecology](#)

Customer Reviews

I was told this book was good, if perhaps a bit "unscientific." After reading it I would firmly state this book is neither good nor scientific. I found so many errors in the first twenty pages that I almost put the book down in disgust-- ranging from significant typos resulting in gross misidentification of animals, to blatant contradictions. For example, in one section, Lockley describes the joy of observing a dominant male mount a female in his warren and copulate with her, but then in the next paragraph maintains that this male only ever was seen to copulate with his mate (a different female rabbit). When the person writing this can't even keep the rabbits straight, how are we supposed to even take his observations as fact? All anality aside, the pathos of the book is off, to me. This guy starts off with an introduction about how much he loved rabbits growing up, and wanted to breed Angoras. Then he describes in great detail, in the introduction, buying an island and trying every method known to man of eradicating the existing rabbits, including gassing the warrens and even introducing myxomatosis! But of course, this man loves rabbits, right? It makes me wince to see the incredibly stressful situations he set up "for science" (including isolating a dominant male from his home base and then, after another male took over, introducing him back in to be harried by his former subjects). You could argue that these are "wild" rabbits and that he had to observe nature taking its course-- however, I'm of the belief that once a scientist fiddles with a situation he/she has a responsibility to at least be humane to his/her subjects, wild or not. But I suppose his proceedings were the norm in that day and age, and I suppose someone had to be the first(?)

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Private Life of the Rabbit: An Account of the Life History and Social Behavior of the Wild Rabbit
Peterson's Private Secondary Schools 2000-2001 : The Smart Parents' Guide to Private Education
(Peterson's Private Secondary Schools, 2000-2001) Social Media: Master, Manipulate, and Dominate Social Media Marketing With Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn
(Social Media, Social Media ... Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, Pinterest) Social Security & Medicare Facts 2016: Social Security Coverage, Maximization Strategies for Social Security Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security Taxes, Retirement & Disability, Ser Social Media: Master Strategies For Social Media Marketing - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube & LinkedIn (Social Media, Social Media Marketing, Facebook, ... Instagram, Internet Marketing Book 3) Edible Wild Plants: Wild Foods From Dirt To Plate (The Wild Food Adventure Series, Book 1) Rabbit Coloring Book: An Adult Coloring Book of 40 Zentangle Rabbit Designs with Henna, Paisley and Mandala Style Patterns (Animal Coloring Books for Adults) (Volume 21) The Everything Pet Rabbit

Handbook: Your Ultimate Guide to Pet Rabbit Ownership, Training, and Care White Rabbit's Colors (Little Rabbit Books) The World of Peter Rabbit (The Original Peter Rabbit, Books 1-23, Presentation Box) Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit: A Book of Changing Seasons House Rabbit Handbook: How to Live with an Urban Rabbit Wild Rover No More: Being the Last Recorded Account of the Life and Times of Jacky Faber (Bloody Jack Adventures) Wild Rover No More: Being the Last Recorded Account of the Life & Times of Jacky Faber (Bloody Jack Adventures) Wild Rover No More: Being the Last Recorded Account of the Life & Times of Jacky Faber The Rabbit-Raising Problem Solver: Your Questions Answered about Housing, Feeding, Behavior, Health Care, Breeding, and Kindling The New Social Story Book, Revised and Expanded 15th Anniversary Edition: Over 150 Social Stories that Teach Everyday Social Skills to Children and Adults with Autism and their Peers Social Insurance and Social Justice: Social Security, Medicare and the Campaign Against Entitlements The Social Work Experience: An Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (6th Edition) (Connecting Core Competencies) Social Media: Dominating Strategies for Social Media Marketing with Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, LinkedIn and Instagram: Social Media, Network Marketing, Book 1

[Dmca](#)