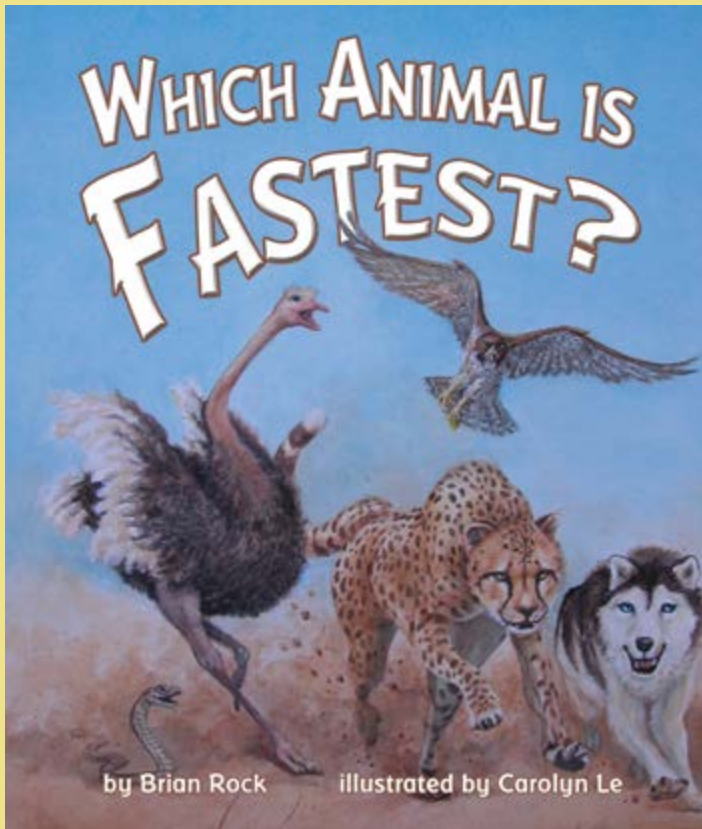


ABOUT THE BOOK

Quick, name the world's fastest animal! Did you say cheetah? If so, you're right – sort of. Sure, the cheetah can reach speeds over 70 miles per hour (mph); but did you know that there is a species of bird that can fly faster than a race car? Did you know that that's not even the fastest animal there is? This "dashing dozen" of nature's speediest species examines the fastest on land, air, and sea. This story will resonate with children taking standardized tests... one size does not fit all!

This fictional story includes a 4-page For Creative Minds section in the back of the book and a 30-page cross-curricular Teaching Activity Guide online. *Which Animal is Fastest?* is vetted by experts and designed to encourage parental engagement. Its extensive back matter helps teachers with time-saving lesson ideas, provides extensions for science, math, and social studies units, and uses inquiry-based learning to help build critical thinking skills in young readers. The Spanish translation supports ELL and dual-language programs. The interactive ebook reads aloud in both English and Spanish with word highlighting and audio speed control to promote oral language skills, fluency, pronunciation, text engagement, and reading comprehension.



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This book has been vetted by Kate Davis & Christine Lewis, zoo educators at the Birmingham Zoo, and Alison F. Manka, school and aquarium programs manager at the Greensboro Science Center.

Classification Information

Which Animal is Fastest? will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

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Arbordale has aligned this book to NGSS, Core and state standards in science, math and social studies. Key standards include: NGSS1 Structure, Function, and information processing.

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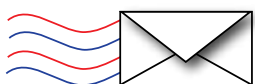
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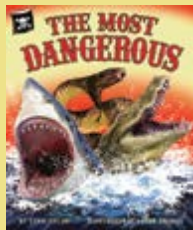
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