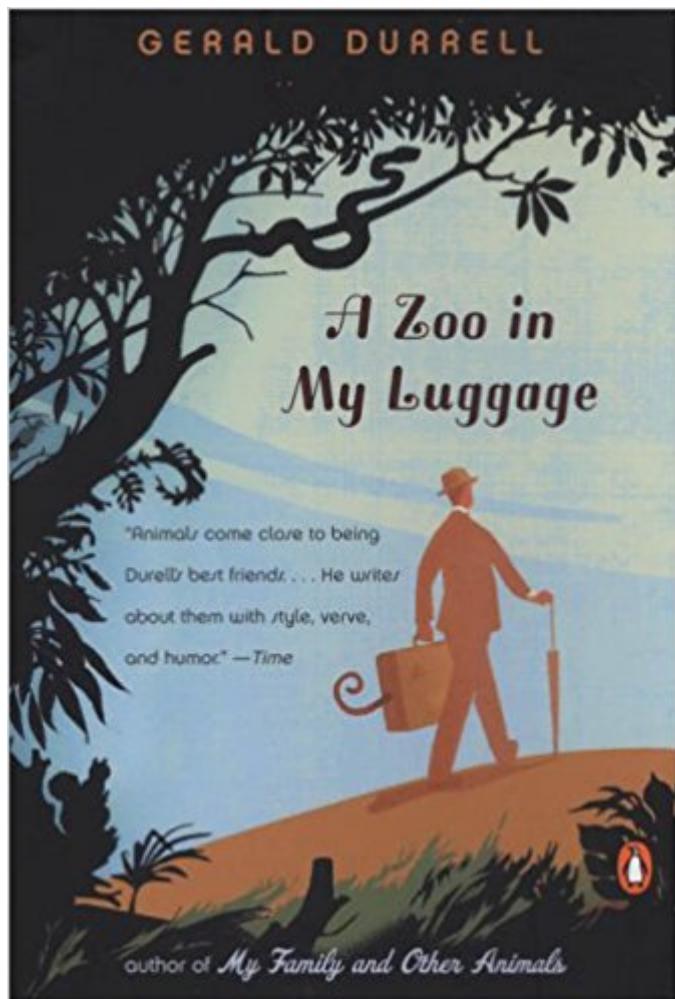


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A Zoo In My Luggage



Synopsis

Fans of Gerald Durrell's timeless classic *My Family and Other Animals*, the inspiration for *The Durrells in Corfu* on Masterpiece PBS, will love this hilarious tale, which finds the author as an adult still charmed by his beloved animals. *A Zoo in My Luggage* begins with an account of Durrell's third trip to the British Cameroons in West Africa, during which he and his wife capture animals to start their own zoo. Returning to England with a few additions to their family—Cholmondeley the chimpanzee, Bug-eye the bush baby, and others—they have nowhere to put them as they haven't yet secured a place for their zoo. Durrell's account of how he manages his menagerie in all sorts of places throughout England while finding a permanent home for the animals provides as much adventure as capturing them. For animal lovers of all ages, *A Zoo in My Luggage* is the romping true story of the boy who grew up to make a Noah's Ark of his own.

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Gerald Durrell was born in Jamshedpur, India, in 1925. A student of zoology, he founded the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust on the Channel Island of Jersey. His other books include *A Zoo in My Luggage* and *The Whispering Land* (both available from Penguin).

Funny, entertaining book

I got hooked on this author watching the PBS series about his family and their time on the island of Corfu. Durrell's books are laugh out loud funny and educational at the same time. Must reads for anyone with a love of animals. This book deals with the trials and tribulations of collecting a zoo and then finding a place to put it. I fell in love with the Fons - the village leader where the Durrells stayed when collecting and hope there is more of his story in books I haven't yet read. A real winner!

When this, and the others in the series, first came out I devoured them eager for the mysteries of Africa and its birds and animals and remarkable characters. Having now traveled to many of the countries so well described, I have recognised some of the animals and birds Durrell describes and memories of the Bafut of Fon come flooding back. Read and enjoy, then visit if you can.

A clear and amusing description of a unique experience.

I am enjoying all of Gerald Durrell's books. I was a bit surprised when Gerry lit a cigarette early on in the book- I thought of young Gerry from the television show! I am going to keep reading all of the Durrell books.

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I recommend this to anyone who loves animals. Durrell writes very descriptively and humorously. His knowledge of wildlife is amazing--very entertaining and educational!

One of the best Durrells

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