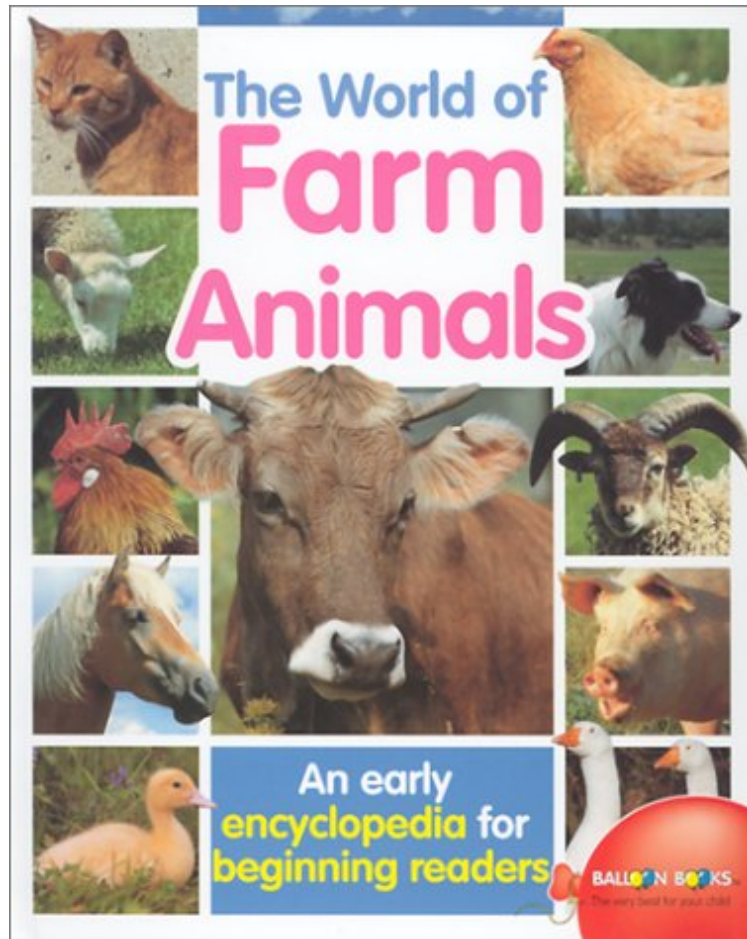


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From Brand: Balloon : The World of Farm Animals: An Early Encyclopedia for Beginning Readers before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The World of Farm Animals: An Early Encyclopedia for Beginning Readers:

With a quack and an oink and a neigh and a bray, the animals are welcoming you to the farm! Meet them all and see what they do. Here's the cow, grazing and getting ready for her milking. Look at the sheep's thick coat: just before summer, she'll be sheared and her fleece turned into wool. Cluck-cluck, the chickens lay their eggs; maybe one will hatch into a soft, downy chick. Don't forget the pigs in the mud, the donkeys in the field, and the geese and ducks near the water. Of course, there's also a dog to herd and a cat to catch mice. Lots of fabulous facts teach kids the male and

female names for the animals, what the babies are called, what they eat, and more. And, these colorful, close-up photos are the next best thing to really being there!

From School Library Journal Grade 1-2-These books follow a basic and simple format. Each entry has a large color photo and a few lines of text. The first title introduces 11 farm animals in random order, depicting adults and their young; and the second book includes 22 wild creatures. Three to six sentences per animal give limited information, usually including its size, food, and habitat. Although the texts are spare, the sentence structure and vocabulary are not suited to beginning readers. For example: "The five types of rhinoceros (two in Africa and three in Asia) were hunted for their horns; therefore, they are now very rare." Some of the statements are generalized to the point of misinformation. "Every farm has a watchdog or a herding dog" and "There are always a few cats around a farm" give false impressions. The color photographs, which fill the top two-thirds of each page, are clear and useful representations of the animals, but they are not specifically named. For example, the text mentions the North American sea eagle and the bald eagle, but a golden eagle is pictured and not identified as such. While these titles are attractive at first glance, they are unnecessary purchases.-Carolyn Janssen, Children's Learning Center of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, OH Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.