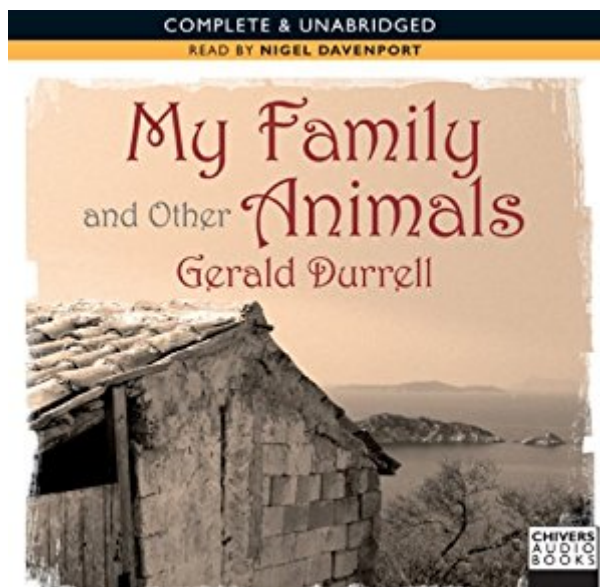


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My Family And Other Animals



Synopsis

A humorous and motivating autobiography. A family moves to Corfu, and their hilarious meetings with the local people, birds and beasts are sure to delight the student. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

While I wouldn't classify this as a great book, it is a very endearing book. I have read it many times and always enjoy it thoroughly. Years ago I read it out loud to my son and we would laugh so hard we could barely get through a chapter. My son is now 52! After these many years having given away many copies, I was delighted to be able to get it on my Kindle and read it once again. I find it has lost none of its enchantment over the years, in fact, because it is of a simpler time, it may be even more enjoyable. By getting to know the young Gerald Durrell and his unusual and charming family, it is easy to see how he became such an animal expert and conservator.

This was a wonderful book about a slightly eccentric English family that moves to a Greek Island. It is told by the youngest son. He is a naturalist, so much of the book is about the animals, bugs, and birds he encounters, as well as his family and neighbors. I don't usually like overly descriptive books, I prefer a little background and then get to the point, However, his descriptions are amazing and you can see what he is seeing. I can understand why many people were disappointed in the films based on the books, because I don't see how video could possibly capture the whole feeling of the book. I heartily recommend it.

I consider this to be one of the best books I have ever read. You might as well start by reading it aloud to someone you love because you are going to be reading them all of the funny parts anyhow. The descriptions of the island are so magical, I feel like I've been there. Not yet, but I hope someday. I can't tell you how many times I've read it, but I can tell you it never gets old. I'm happy to have it on my kindle now so I can dive in at any time. Oh yeah, besides all that, having a child naturalist as storyteller - very informative as well.

I was slightly disappointed in this book. Gerald Durrell's childhood on Corfu was indeed interesting, and I would have loved to have spent some time in his shoes. He is a great writer, and paints a fantastic picture of the island. But I also often found his description of the plants and animals quite tedious, to the point that I got bored. However, when he told the tales of the lunacy that happened to his family throughout their stay on Corfu, I was captivated. In the end I am really torn on how to review this book, Durrell's life was clearly dedicated to the study/conservation of animals, you can tell there is such joy in the lengthy descriptions of his escapades with animals as a child, and I truly respect the value and joy of nature he gifted us in this book. But I also wish he could have been a little more succinct with his descriptions of nature, and kept it breezy, much like he did with the tales of his family.

A family member used to gift me with Durrell's books over the years. I grieve over the paperbacks, signed by him, that a former spouse insisted I jettison. If you enjoy animals and nature, and get a kick out of people who are mildly eccentric, you'll probably find yourselves giving this book a 5 star review also.

I read this because I really enjoyed the tv show on PBS. Pretty neat and makes me wish I could live in Corfu for a little while too.

This book is really four and a half stars and the only reason for not being 5 is it got bogged down in places but all in all, it was really enjoyable. Fans of the PBS series should like it immensely. Fun book from Gerry's perspective.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I had been to Corfu, but only briefly some years ago. I chose to read this book on my return trip to Greece after seeing an episode of "The Durrells of Corfu on PBS. I am writing this looking at the sunset on Mykonos.

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