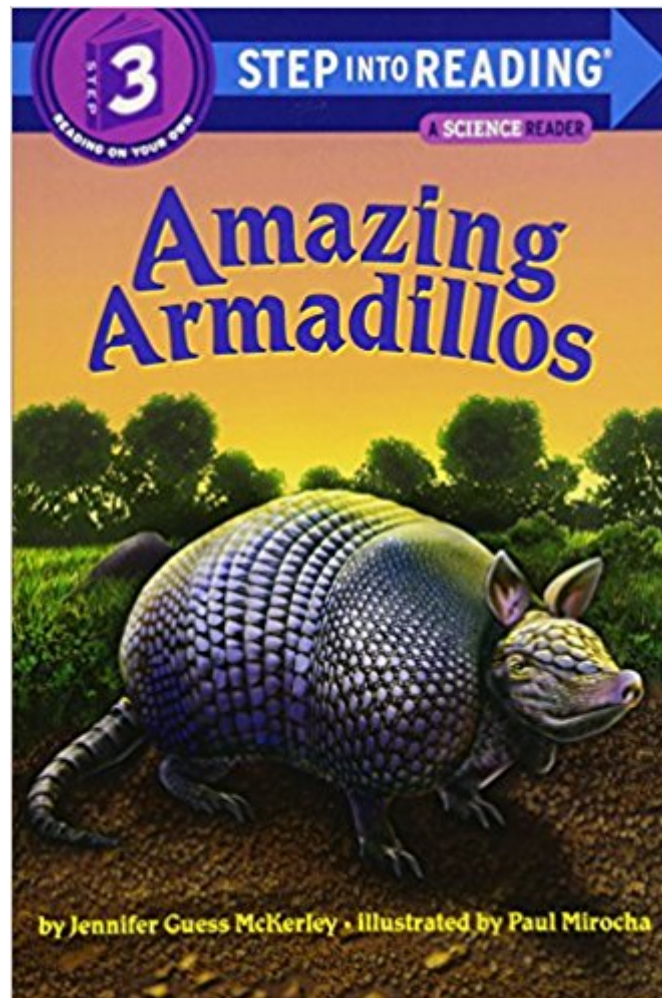




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Amazing Armadillos (Step Into Reading)



Synopsis

Reading on your own Armadillos may look funny, move oh-so-slowly, and smell a little stinky but mostly they are extraordinary! For example, they can jump three feet in the air to scare away any predators (especially the human variety), they can hold their breath underwater for 10 minutes, and they've been known to eat 40,000 bugs in a single meal. *Amazing Armadillos* follows a female armadillo as she forages for food, builds a home, and prepares for the birth of her baby pups. It is perfect for newly independent readers who love to learn fun, quirky, and cool facts about amazing animals, like the armadillo.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

This Step 3 title in the Step into Reading series explores the little-known insect-eating-and-digging machine that is the armadillo. Following one female nine-banded armadillo through a year, readers will learn where this mammal lives, how she protects herself, what and how she eats and how her armor is an asset. Seen as a pest by some in the southern areas they inhabit, she is chased away from homes by people who dislike the holes she digs and her smell. In the spring, she gives birth to identical quadruplets. Short sentences with pronunciation help for new vocabulary, and illustrations

that support the text make this a good choice for newly independent readers. Mirocha's illustrations are realistic and treat readers to several points of view, including an aerial perspective of the armadillo as she tries to escape from a dog. The artwork has a digital look, enhancing the not-of-this-world strangeness of the armadillo. A good nonfiction choice for animal lovers testing the reading waters. (Informational early reader. 5-8)

Winner of the Young Readers Book --New Mexico Book Awards 2010

I have a grandson who obsesses about different subjects. Armadillos were a recent obsession. We learned a lot from this book. For instance, armadillos can climb. They eat insects, snakes anything in their path. They always have identical quadruplet pups, all the same sex.

This is an amazing book. The information and illustrations are interesting and appealing to everyone. My students and I learned so much about armadillos. I would definitely recommend this book.

WOW!!! Armadillos really are amazing!!! We have a ranch in Texas and have encountered armadillos on more than one occasion. I got this book for a Preschool class for a unit on Texas. Our kids were so fascinated by this book... as was I!!! It is awesome when a non-fiction book proves itself every bit as interesting as a fiction book. Nice job! Enjoyed the illustrations, too!

I got this book while my 1st grade class was learning about informational writing. The book itself provides great pictures. The information provided in the book is wonderful. It truly gives a wide variety of information about Armadillos. I read this book before my students got to meet Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse, they were hooked! Definite buy, great price.

This book has really good facts. It is fun to read and very interesting. I learned a lot about Armadillos. It seems most appropriate for children ages 4-8. I would recommend this book for children who like science and animals.

Great Book! My 6 year old read some of it and had me read the rest! We enjoyed it!

This was an appropriately aimed book for a youngster and provided some good entertainment along

with educational opportunities. It was a good buy, particularly if your interest is in armadillos. I bought it for my granddaughter (4 years old) and we had a good time reading it together. Nicely illustrated.

Very cute and informative

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