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Sloths

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Love sloths?
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read awhile!

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MEET THE SLOW-MOVING SLOTH

Are you ready to be amazed and amused? Keep reading! This book will take you on an upside-down adventure!

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What did the sloth say to the tree branch?
I'm hooked on you!

Let's hang out!

At a Glance

Where do they live?

Sloths live in dense, rainy forests in Central and South America.

What do they do?

Sloths spend their lives hanging from tree branches—often upside down.

What do they eat?

Sloths mostly munch on leaves, but also eat twigs, flowers, and fruits.

What do they look like?

Sloths have brown-gray fur, long limbs, and sharp claws.

How big are they?

HINT: You're bigger. Check this out!

Human (age 9)

Three-toed sloth (adult)

4 ft. 6 in.

1 ft. 11 in.

TURN THE PAGE
for more fun facts!

A SLOTH'S BODY

Two- and three-toed sloths have these things in common.

Handy Hooks

Sloths' curved claws are 3 to 4 inches long. The animals use them to hang on to tree branches.

I have a good grip on things!

Is That FUR Real?

A sloth has an upside-down lifestyle. So its thick fur grows opposite that of most **mammals**—away from its stomach. Rain runs right off it!

Long Limbs

Along with their claws, sloths use their four long limbs to move slowly through the trees.

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What is a sloth's favorite motto?
DON'T HURRY,
be happy!

Breathe Easy

A sloth's liver, stomach, and other organs are attached to its rib cage. That keeps the organs from pressing on the lungs—and helps the sloth breathe upside down.

mammals: animals that produce milk to feed their young

OH, BABY!

After 6 to 12 months, the female sloth gives birth to one baby.

THAT'S EXTREME!

Babies occasionally fall. But don't worry! Some have survived a drop of more than 90 feet!

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What is a sloth's favorite thing to read?
The SNOOZE-paper!



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Special Delivery

A female gives birth high in the trees. Her newborn is about 10 inches long and weighs about 12 ounces. The baby is born with fur and claws and has its eyes open.



2

I'm hungry!

Like all mammals, a baby sloth drinks milk from its mother right after it is born. By the time it is about two months old, the baby is ready to also munch on leaves.



3

A Clingy Baby

The baby clings to its mom's belly for the first five weeks to nine months. It stays there until it can feed itself and climb on its own. The youngster may live with its mom for six months to more than two years.

FAST FACT:

Wild sloths can live more than 20 years. The oldest known sloth lived to be about 49 at a zoo.

Sloth Cousins

Believe it or not, all anteaters and armadillos are related to sloths!

Anteaters are the sloth's closest relatives.

I'm the only armadillo that can roll into a ball!

I'm a type of anteater. But like my sloth cousins, I spend most of my time in the trees.

three-banded armadillo

giant anteater

I'm the only armadillo that lives in the United States.

Are you sure we're related?

tamandua

nine-banded armadillo

Please note: Animals are not shown to scale.

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Armadillos

I am
ready to
dig in!

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Bald Eagles

BEAK-a-boo!
I see you!

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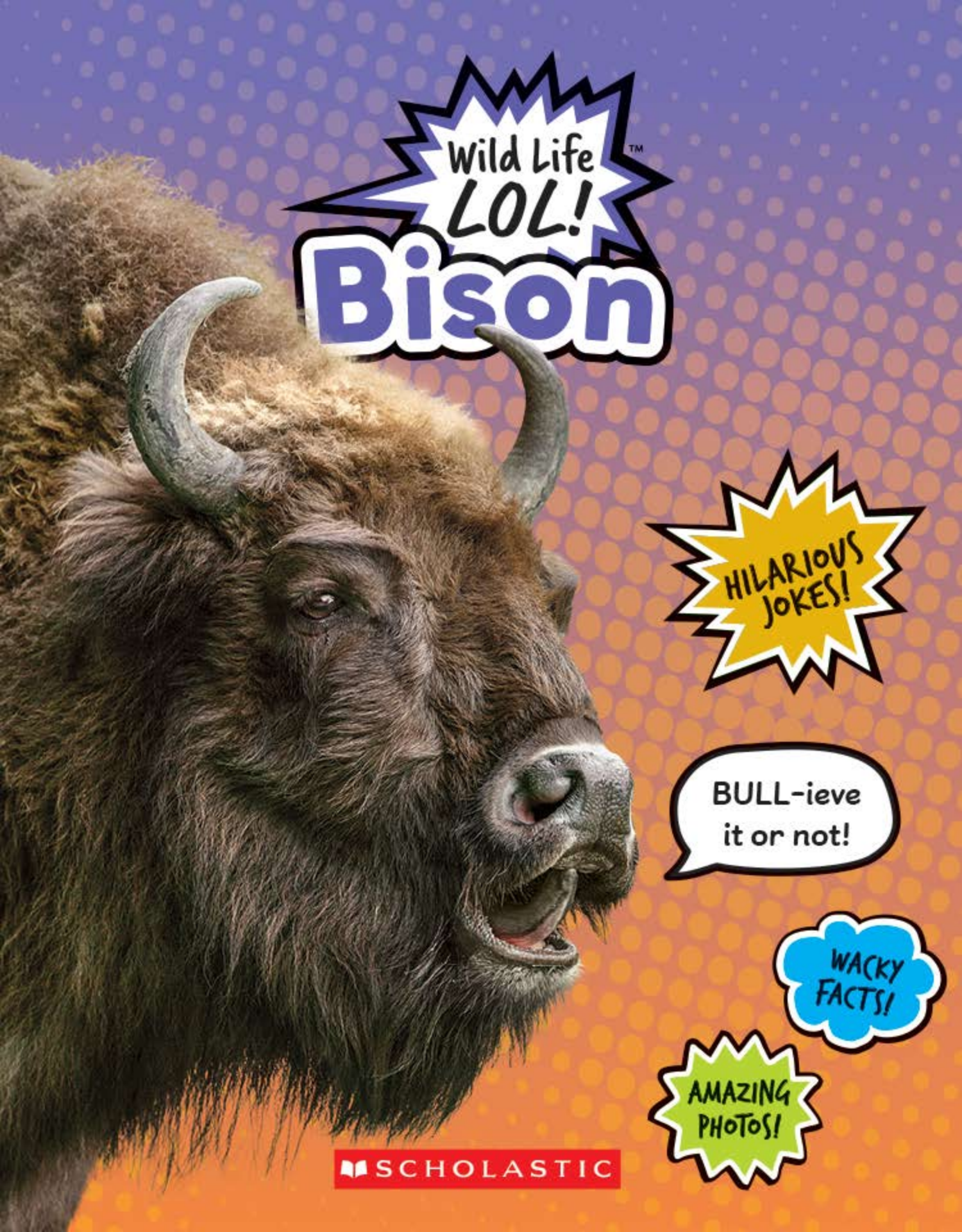
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bea-ver-y nice
to meet you!

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Black Bears

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This book is
un-BEAR-lievable!

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A detailed illustration of an elephant's head and trunk, facing right. The trunk is curled upwards. The elephant has large, wrinkled ears and visible tusks. The background is a teal color with a pattern of small yellow dots.

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Elephants

I have TONS
to tell you!

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Great White Sharks

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Sharks are
JAW-some!

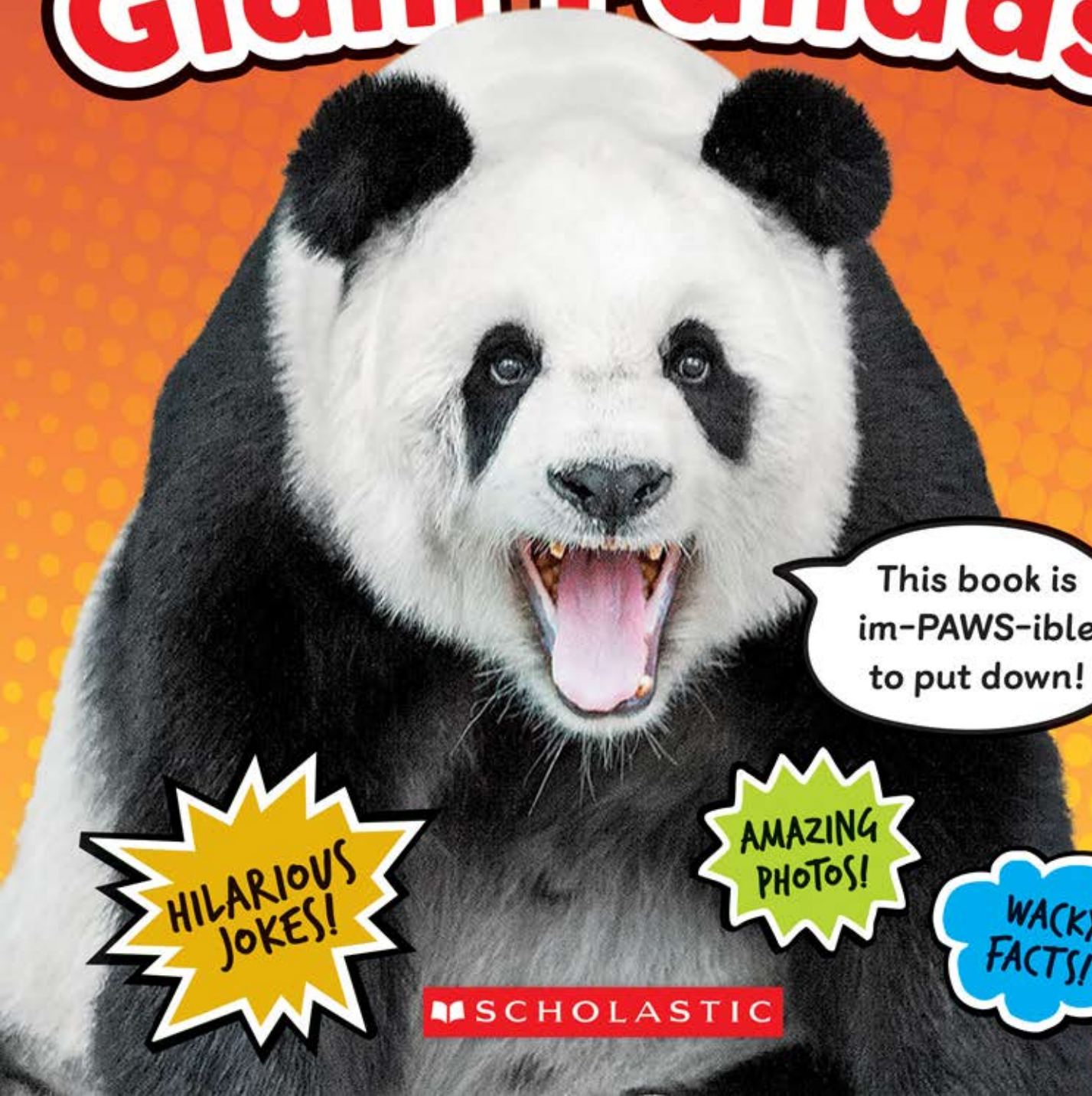
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Giant Pandas



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Grizzly Bears



I go
BEAR-foot
all year
long!

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Don't know much
about me yet?
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