



# Nature's Children™

*Nature's Children* gives young readers what they love most—fascinating information about the planet's most incredible wildlife species—written in an interesting and engaging voice and accompanied by stunning photos. Each title offers a complete picture of the animal—from birth to adulthood—and describes its place in our world, including how humans impact it and its environment.

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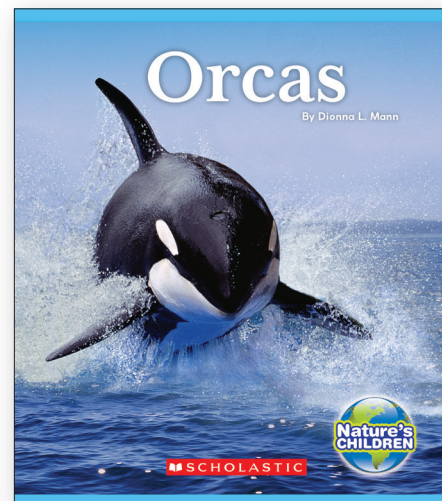
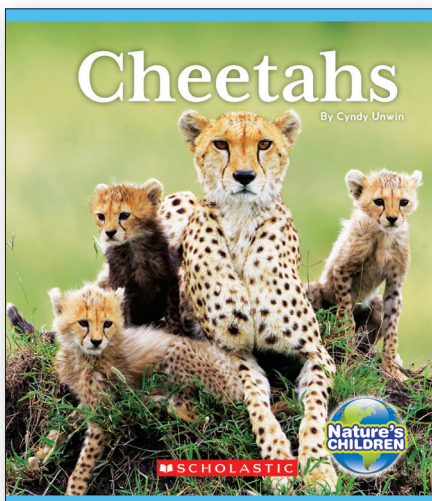
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**Features:**

- **Colorful photos and graphics** clearly offer an up-close look at nature's most fascinating creatures
- **Fact File** provides an easy reference for vital information about the animals' classification and basic habits
- **Large photos with callouts** explain how the animal uses different body parts to survive, and thrive, in its habitat
- **Fast Facts** throughout the book supplement information in the main text
- The **final chapter** describes the way each of these animals interacts with the human species
- **Family Tree** shows clearly and simply how the featured animal has evolved from, and fits into the wider category of, its order
- **Glossaries** explain difficult terms in a way that makes them easy to understand
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### Built for Speed

Cheetahs don't have the strength of the true big cats, but they do have a superpower—their speed! This sets cheetahs apart from all other land mammals and has helped them survive for millions of years.

It's estimated that cheetahs can achieve top speeds of up to 75 mph (120.7 km/h). How do they do this? Cheetahs have the longest and most flexible spine of any cat. While running, the cheetah bunches its feet underneath its curved spine. Then it lengthens its spine into a lunge, pushing off with its powerful hind legs. This unique running technique helps cheetahs cover up to 23 feet (7 meters) in one stride! Cheetahs also have swiveling hips and flexible shoulder blades. These enable the fast cat to change direction easily while running at full speed.

Cheetahs are amazing runners for other reasons, too. They have small, light heads and flat ribs, which improve their **aerodynamics** as they run. And the cheetah's **semi-retractable** claws act like cleats to provide traction.

**Fast Fact**  
Greyhounds, the world's fastest dogs, have similar body structure to cheetahs

Sample spread from *Cheetahs*

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