

The Artful Bird Feathered Friends To Make And Sew

Feathered friends take fanciful flight in this diverse collection of 21 projects inspired by the timeless charm of folk art. Whether you love hand applique, rug hooking, piecwork, or cross stitch, Liberty Star designer Renee Plains offers something for every quilter in this book.

If you were a boy named Henri Matisse who lived in a dreary town in northern France, what would your life be like? Would it be full of color and art? Full of lines and dancing figures? Find out in this beautiful, unusual picture book about one of the world's most famous and influential artists by acclaimed author and Newbery Medal-winning Patricia MacLachlan and innovative illustrator Hadley Hooper. A Neal Porter Book

Everyday kids learn how they can help protect bird species, near and far, with *Counting Birds*—the real-life story of bird counting and watching. What can you do to help endangered animals and make a positive change in our environment? Get counting! *Counting Birds* is a beautifully illustrated book that introduces kids to the idea of bird counts and bird watches. Along the way, they will learn about Frank Chapman, who used his bird knowledge and magazine *Bird-Lore* to found the first annual bird count. Bird counting helps professional researchers collect data, share expertise, and spread valuable information to help all kinds of birds around the world, from condors to hawks to kestrels and more. *Counting Birds* introduces kids to a whole feathered world that will fascinate and inspire them to get involved in conservation and become citizen scientists.

Targeted at young aspiring artists seeking to develop their technical skills and build a repertoire of subjects, particularly animals. Acclaimed author Lee J. Ames shows readers how to draw dozens of the most beautiful and fascinating birds from around the world with a comprehensive, step-by-step approach. His distinctive drawing method has proven to be successful for children and adults alike over the past 40 years, and has shown artists, from the beginner to advanced levels, how to draw everything from animals to airplanes. The revised Draw 50 series gives an old favorite an exciting, new look.

Fourteen Favorite Feathered Friends

Birds of a Feather

An Intimate Look at Our Feathered Friends

The Iridescence of Birds

The Step-by-Step Way to Draw Chickadees, Peacocks, Toucans, Mallards, and Many More of Our Feathered Friends

Bird Signs

Our Feathered Friends

More than 300 stunning photos of birds throughout the United States, paired with reader stories about each encounter along with interesting factual tidbits and special sections that detail how to attract birds to your backyard. Every birder who ventures into the outdoors with a camera comes back with more than just photos: they return with stories to tell. In *Everyday Birdwatching Stories*, the editors of *Birds & Blooms* magazine gather stunning images of your favorite fluttery backyard visitors paired with heartwarming stories about how each snapshot was captured. Inside, you'll find: More than 300 photos of beloved birds in summer, spring, winter and fall, with the photographers' inspiring stories about how they found each bird. Factual tidbits in every chapter about birdsongs, species names and more. Articles that explain how to attract a variety of birds to your backyard. Whether you're an avid birdwatcher and photographer or an armchair avian enthusiast, *Everyday Birdwatching Stories* offers plenty to marvel at and learn—and brings you close to a world of wonderful wings.

Bee hummingbirds, ostriches, flycatchers, chickadees, and bald eagles! Dick and Sally find themselves on a bird-watching tour led by the Cat in the Hat. After a quick lesson on just exactly what a bird is, they go motoring around the world to observe our fine feathered friends in their natural habitats. Time flies, and soon it's late, but the Cat saves the day by shifting his vehicle into Fine Feather All-Weather Flying Machine mode and winging Dick and Sally back home.

A celebration of the diversity and evolution of birds, as depicted in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's magnificent 2,500-square-foot Wall of Birds mural by artist Jane Kim. Part homage, part artistic and sociological journey, *The Wall of Birds* tells the story of birds' remarkable 375-million-year evolution. With a foreword by John W. Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and full of lush photographs of gorgeous life-size birds painted in exacting detail, *The Wall of Birds* lets readers explore these amazing creatures family by family and continent by continent. Throughout, beautifully crafted narratives and intimate artistic reflections tell of the evolutionary forces that created birds' dazzling variety of forms and colors, and reveal powerful lessons about birds that are surprisingly relevant to contemporary human challenges. From the tiny five-inch Marvelous Spatuletail hummingbird to the monstrous thirty-foot Yutyrannus, *The Wall of Birds* is a visual feast, essential for bird enthusiasts, naturalists, and art lovers alike.

Excerpt from *Birds of the West: An Account of the Lives and the Labors of Our Feathered Friends* The author of this little volume is not a scientist, he is only a nature-lover and he would be astonished and disappointed if everyone should agree with all that he has written. He has found a pleasure in tramping about the woods and the streams, in seeing nature at first hand and an almost equal pleasure in reading of what others have seen and loved. It would be nice indeed to give credit where credit is due but where should I begin and where could I end? A father and mother who taught me to see things and to love them, an old half-breed Indian who in my childhood showed me many a sacred spot of earth, an old shoemaker who now in his ninetieth year and "livin' on borrowed time" still has the heart of a ten-year-old, unnumbered beves of school children who have followed me "up hill and down dale" giving me a thousand eyes with which to see, Audubon Wilson, Nuttall, Thoreau, Burroughs, Seton and many more may claim a share of whatever of worth there may be within these covers. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Over 30 fun feathered friends for you to knit

The Wall of Birds

Bird Detectives

The Artful Bird

Birds of Texas

Bird-acious

Art and Photographs from National Geographic

A stunning album of some of the most beautiful birds in North America. Geraldo Val é rio is an artist who loves birds, from majestic Golden Eagles and Snowy Owls to brilliant cardinals and jays to the tiniest of hummingbirds. Here he presents his favorites, with beautiful collage illustrations and brief descriptions that highlight intriguing facts about each one. The illustrations show a variety of feathered creatures in their natural habitats as they hunt for food, impress their mates, nest, and care for their young. The concise, accessible text provides information ranging from clever techniques for finding food to remarkable physical features to fascinating behaviors. But above all, Geraldo Val é rio shares his passion for birds in this lovingly created album, inspiring young readers with their beauty and the excitement of discovery. Includes an introduction, glossary, index and sources for further information. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.4 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.

Ducks, parrots, owls, flamingos, partridges, and more: these beautiful birds go round and round! Combining a wide variety of fine feathered friends with the ancient art of the mandala, these 31 mesmerizing illustrations will let your imagination soar as you attain inner peace. Pages are perforated and printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, Bird Mandalas and other Creative Haven® adult coloring books offer an escape to a world of inspiration and artistic fulfillment. Each title is also an effective and fun-filled way to relax and reduce stress.

An exuberant and vibrant illustrated exploration of birds and our relationships with them From the Common Swift, which can stay in the air continuously without landing for up to ten months at a time, to the tiny Goldcrest, Europe's smallest bird, which can lay a clutch of a dozen eggs in two weeks totaling one-and-one-half times its body weight, the class of animals we call birds is filled with incredible feats of beauty, intellect, and wonder. With enthralling facts, humorous anecdotes, and gorgeous artwork, artist Misha Blaise pays loving homage to these amazing beings that populate our skies and share the planet with us. Using her own adoration of birds as a starting point to explore avian minutiae both strange and fascinating, Blaise winds through the interconnectedness between humans and our feathered friends, from the eccentric people who obsess about birds to the compelling ways people have integrated birds into culture throughout history, as well as our similar behaviors, kindred intelligence, and shared habitats. Thoughtful, philosophical, and delightful, Crazy for Birds pairs beautiful artwork with whimsical writing to explore the many wonders of birds, shedding light on our abiding connection with nature, the diversity of life, and the idiosyncrasy of the human psyche.

A richly illustrated look at bird anatomy There is more to a bird than simply feathers. And just because birds evolved from a single flying ancestor doesn't mean they are structurally all the same. With over 385 stunning drawings depicting 200 species, The Unfeathered Bird is a richly illustrated book on bird anatomy that offers refreshingly original insights into what goes on beneath the feathered surface. Each exquisite drawing is made from an actual specimen and reproduced in sumptuous large format. The birds are shown in lifelike positions and engaged in behavior typical of the species: an underwater view of the skeleton of a swimming loon, the musculature of a porpoising penguin, and an unfeathered sparrowhawk plucking its prey. Jargon-free and easily accessible to any reader, the lively text relates birds' anatomy to their lifestyle and evolution, examining such questions as why penguins are bigger than auks, whether harrier hawks really have double-jointed legs, and the difference between wing claws and wing spurs. A landmark in popular bird books, The Unfeathered Bird is a must for anyone who appreciates birds or bird art. A unique book that bridges art, science, and history Over 385 beautiful drawings, artistically arranged in a sumptuous large-format book Accessible, jargon-free text—the only book on bird anatomy aimed at the general reader Drawings and text all based on actual bird specimens Includes most anatomically distinct bird groups Many species never illustrated before

Counting Birds

Mouse and Mole, Fine Feathered Friends

The Idea That Helped Save Our Feathered Friends

From Concept to Construction

Knitted Birds

Meido, the Bird Who Was Afraid to Fly

My Recipes are for the Birds

Birds are so common in everyday life that most people take them for granted, viewing them as nothing more than colorful diversions. Bird Signs shows a different and deeper side of our avian friends. The book presents birds as gateways to self-knowledge. According to author G. G. Carbone, birds are symbols that can help us reflect on events, make nurturing decisions, and focus on spiritual growth. Particular birds exemplify characteristics that seekers can find, or search for, in themselves -- examples include the flamingo's balance and the chickadee's playfulness. Divided into sections of Bird Traits, Bird Wisdom, Broken Wing, Bird Vision, and Bird Lore, the book contains a wealth of cultural and historical facts, along with guided meditations that incorporate chakras, yoga poses, and visualization. The colorful divination deck contains 52 cards that can be used individually or as daily or weekly card spreads.

Create colorful peacocks, cheerful canaries, and adorable penguins with these simple, beautiful projects to sew and love. With pattern templates included and step-by-step instructions, you can creatively put together pretty bird crafts for your friends, and even more for yourself! The birds you create are not just unique and cute decorations but also little critters than can double as plushies, pillows, and more. Before you know it you'll have dozens of unique birds decorating your home. Pretty Birds is a must-have for avid bird lovers and crafters alike.

"W.L. Moody, Jr., natural history series ; no. 14." Guide to 622 birds found in Texas with information on habitat preferences, abundance, seasonal occurrence, and more.

Ready to go birding? Quick! Can you think of a bird whose name begins with X? Jerry Pallotta found one, and also birds for Q and Z and all the other letters of the alphabet. But this isn't a simple "A is for Atlantic Puffin" kind of alphabet book. Find out where these birds live, how they survive, and the unique qualities that make them interesting. Full of facts and fun, this book is sure to intrigue children with its array of feathered friends, from the familiar to the exotic. Take a brilliant tour of the bird world.

The Splendor of Birds

The Art of the Bird

Close to Birds

Folk Embroidered Felt Birds
Creative Haven Bird Mandalas Coloring Book
Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century
Crafty Birds

Meido is a bluebird who lives in a park downtown, up high in an awesome tree. But something makes him different from many other birds: he's afraid to fly! Instead, Meido climbs up using his talons. One beautiful morning, Meido and his best feathered friend, Flier, are going around the park and taking care of official bird business. They go to the mulberry bush for breakfast and pay a visit to an unlucky person's white car. Then the Tuesday Terror, Jaws the Chihuahua, arrives, and he's out to get revenge on Meido and Flier for a trick they played on him before. But when their escape puts Flier and Jaws in danger, Meido knows he is the only one who can save the day. He'll have to overcome his fear and finally start flying. In this children's tale, a mischievous bird gets his friends in trouble and must conquer his fear of flying in order to rescue them

A stunning celebration of birds and why we love them. Gorgeous, close-up photographs highlight the magic in every feather, with enchanting essays about how birds touch our lives. Our lives intertwine with birds like no other wild creature. Every day birds warm our hearts, inspire our curiosity, and appeal to our sense of wonder. Close to Birds brings us even nearer to our feathered friends. The stunning and intimate photographs capture the beauty and detail of each bird's form, as well as their unique character and personality. The accompanying short essays share charming and often-hidden details from birds' lives. Discover why robins sing so early in the morning and learn the science behind the almost magical iridescence of mallard feathers. Close to Birds shares the irresistible joy and marvel of birds.

When spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find a unique way to bird watch.

The human history of depicting birds dates to as many as 40,000 years ago, when Paleolithic artists took to cave walls to capture winged and other beasts. But the art form has reached its peak in the last four hundred years. In *The Art of the Bird*, devout birder and ornithologist Roger J. Lederer celebrates this heyday of avian illustration in forty artists' profiles, beginning with the work of Flemish painter Frans Snyders in the early 1600s and continuing through to contemporary artists like Elizabeth Butterworth, famed for her portraits of macaws. Stretching its wings across time, taxa, geography, and artistic style—from the celebrated realism of American conservation icon John James Audubon, to Elizabeth Gould's nineteenth-century renderings of museum specimens from the Himalayas, to Swedish artist and ornithologist Lars Jonsson's ethereal watercolors—this book is feathered with art and artists as diverse and beautiful as their subjects. A soaring exploration of our fascination with the avian form, *The Art of the Bird* is a testament to the ways in which the intense observation inherent in both art and science reveals the mysteries of the natural world.

Science Sleuths and Their Feathered Friends

Draw 50 Birds

All About Birds

Stuffed Animals

The Bird Alphabet Book

Level 2

One Planet, 243 Families, 375 Million Years

Quirky Bird and Other Feathered Friends is a touch-and-feel board book with googly eyes on the cover and touchable textures throughout. Children will love to meet the weird and wonderful selection of bird characters in this humorous Alphaprints book. With textures and fingerprint embossing to explore, plus funny rhymes to read, the colorful birds are sure to entertain and amuse! An engaging and interesting book for children and adults alike. Also available: Happy Dog and Other Furry Friends

This technique-filled workshop for creating soft toys, with 16 projects and 52 lessons, covers everything from the basics to advanced construction elements. Let your imagination take flight as you create your very own field guide to birds, scratching all the way! Discover exciting facts about our feathered friends from blue jays to bald eagles, and from penguins to peacocks as you draw birds that appear in bright colors and glittery foil like magic.

Differences are gorgeously illustrated in a heartwarming picture book about a colorless peacock who learns to love himself in a jungle full of color. Mo has always felt a little different. While all the other peacocks grew bright, bold, beautiful feathers in rich greens and vibrant blues, Mo's feathers grew in a snowy white. And even though Mo's friends try to include him in their playtime, Mo doesn't like to be reminded that he's different from his friends. But when a storm threatens to ruin the group's annual celebration, Mo must learn to stand tall, strut his stuff, and shake his brilliantly glowing tail feathers--in a way only he can--to help his friends and set things right. From debut author Sita Singh, and brought to life by Stephanie Fizer Coleman, comes a story about finding strength in the things that make us different, and beauty in all its forms.

Pretty Birds

Feathered Friends

A Bird in Hand

An Art Activity Book for Bird-Watchers and Artists of All Ages

Alphaprints: Quirky Bird and Other Feathered Friends

Folk Art Projects Inspired by Our Feathered Friends

A Flock of Feathered Friends to Make

Playfully told in quick, witty verses and illustrated with gorgeously colored linocut art, *Alaska is for the Birds!* features 14 feathered friends found across Alaska. "Alaska Northwest Books wings into spring with *Alaska Is for the Birds* by Susan Ewing, illus. by Evon Zerbetz, serving up nature poems and woodcut art showcasing 14 birds found across this state."

—Publishers Weekly, Spring 2022 Children's Sneak Previews Get a bird's-eye view of Alaska from forest treetops to open sea with Great Horned Owl, Tufted Puffin, Arctic Tern, and more in this playful celebration of northern birds. Written in witty verse and illustrated with gorgeous linocut art, *Alaska is for the Birds!* is a fun and informative treasure.

You'll be as proud as a peacock to make these enchanting projects! Freedom, grace, happiness, simplicity--all are traits associated with the humble bird, a subject favored by artists and crafters everywhere. *Crafty Birds* celebrates those fine feathered friends with a captivating collection of mixed-media projects. From jewelry to collage to soldering and more--and from all your favorite North Light authors, including Kelly Rae Roberts, Josie Cirincione and Stephanie Lee--you'll enjoy feathering your nest with:

- Jewelry projects, including necklaces, earrings and bracelets.
- Collage projects, including paper, fabric and digital media.
- Mixed-media projects, including assemblage, soldering and art journaling.

And you'll learn expert techniques for working with resin, wire, plaster, encaustic, Adobe Photoshop, and more! So spread your wings and get started--*Crafty Birds* will leave you soaring!

An elegant collection of the best artwork and photography from the National Geographic archives depicting the magnificence of birds. Bird, nature, and art lovers alike will treasure this sumptuous visual celebration of the colors, forms, and behaviors of the winged wonders who share our world as they have been explored, displayed, and revealed throughout the years by National Geographic. The book moves chronologically so readers witness the tremendous growth in our knowledge of birds over the last 130 years, as well as the new frontiers in technology and observation--from luminous vintage paintings and classic black and white photographs to state-of-the-art high-speed and telephoto camera shots that reveal moments rarely seen and sights invisible to the human eye. The wide diversity of pictures captures beloved songbirds outside the kitchen window, theatrical courtship dance of birds of paradise, tender moments inside a tern's nest, or the vivid flash of a hummingbird's flight. Readers will delight in seeing iconic species from around the world through the eyes of acclaimed National Geographic wildlife photographers such as Chris Johns, Frans Lanting, Joel Sartore, and Tim Laman and reading excerpted passages from Arthur A. Allen, Roger Tory Peterson, Douglas Chadwick, Jane Goodall, and other great explorers. Exquisitely produced and expertly curated, this visual treasury displays as never before the irresistible beauty, grace, and intelligence of our feathered friends.

These exciting photos and facts show children the wonders of God's creation. Includes simple text perfect for level two readers. Titles include: *Rainforest Creatures*; *Under the Sea*; *Birds of the Air*; *Bugs, Bugs, Bugs*; *Freezing Friends*; and *Creatures Down Under*. *Rainforest Creatures* features unusual yet familiar animals like the sloth and the tree kangaroo and facts about their habitat. *Under the Sea* will feature facts about sea creatures such as the giant squid, baseball fish, and the blue-ringed octopus. *Birds of the Air* will include facts about flying friends like the macaw, toucan, flamingo, and yellow-bellied sapsucker. *Bugs, Bugs, Bugs* will tell about stinkbugs, dung beetles, killer bees, and more. *Creatures Down Under* will tell about the platypus, kookaburra, kangaroo, and crocodile and coral. *Freezing Friends* will focus on Polar bears, seal, penguin, and walrus. *Farm Animal Babies* will focus on familiar farm animal babies, their special names, and characteristics. *Forest Animal Babies* will focus on fun forest animal babies like raccoons, mountain lions, and baby birds and their special characteristics. *Jungle Animal Babies* will focus on fun jungle animal babies like monkeys, panthers, and baby birds and their special characteristics.

Bird Art & Crafts for Mixed Media Artists

Feathered Friends to Make and Sew

The Unfeathered Bird

My Book of Birds

The History of Ornithological Art through Forty Artists

Birds & Blooms Everyday Birdwatching Stories

Fine Feathered Friends

Let your creative urges take flight with this wonderful collection of birds to crochet. Featuring 10 gorgeous projects, all with stunning photographs and detailed charts, this book is a twitcher's delight. The extensive techniques section will tell you everything you need to know to make an entire crocheted aviary. There are also intricate charts included with the patterns to help you make your feathered friends come to life. AUTHOR: Vanessa Mooncie spent many happy hours as a child sitting with her mother and grandmother learning to knit and crochet. She went on to study fashion and textile design and became a children's wear designer, illustrator and interior designer. Vanessa now specialises in silkscreen work

(www.vanessamooncie.com) and designing crochet jewellery through her company Kissy Suzuki (www.kissysuzuki.com). She lives with her family in a rural village in the south of England. Vanessa has written many successful books for GMC Publications, including *The Gentleman's Wardrobe*, *Crocheted Accessories*, *Crocheted Wild Animals*, *Sew Adorable*, *And Sew to Bed* and *Crocheted Sea Creatures*. She is also a regular contributor to other craft books and magazines. SALES POINTS: * 10 gorgeous projects for adorable crocheted birds * Projects include: blackbird, wren and robin * Easy-to-follow directions with sumptuous photographs and hand-drawn charts * Suitable for all skill levels * Includes clear explanations of all the required materials and techniques Full colour throughout with 150 photographs, 50 illustrations and 160 charts

Easy-to-make, nourishing recipes for your backyard feathered friends! With just a little suet, some sand, kitchen scraps, and some inexpensive seeds and grains, you can whip up an enormous variety of delights for attracting and feeding birds. This handy little recipe book also features tips on birdhouses and nesting, birdbaths and seasonal feeding, as well as the best arrangement for your feeding stations. Combining the recipes from the popular classics *My Recipes Are for the Birds* and *More of My Recipes Are for the Birds*, fully updated and revised,

this new edition is an essential guide for all those who take delight in opening their backyards to a large, colorful, and musical segment of the natural world.

Encourages birders and artists alike to really see the birds around us, in all their varied, often vivid colors, textures, and feathers

Birds and planes don't always get along. What can we do to help? Enter the world of forensic ornithology in this investigative nonfiction title created with the Smithsonian Institution and the Division of Birds at the National Museum of Natural History. Discover the fascinating work of leading ornithologists--"bird detectives" who use science and technology to solve bird strikes and other bird mysteries. They examine evidence from clues like feathers and snarge--pilot slang for what's left behind after a bird strike--and create solutions to save our feathered friends and protect people and planes in flight. Discover how the study of birds shapes our world, from inspiring aviation and airfield design to increasing safety in the skies. Full of photos, case studies, fun facts, and interactive elements, this STEM exploration reveals a fascinating field of science to kids.

Crocheted Birds

An Account of the Lives and the Labors of Our Feathered Friends (Classic Reprint)

18 Simple Projects to Sew and Love

Alaska is for the Birds!

A Field Guide

National Geographic Backyard Guide to the Birds of North America

Birds of the West

Join the flock! Create your own aviary of charming, beautifully detailed, one-of-a-kind fabric bird sculptures with basic machine and handsewing, embroidery, and mixed-media craft techniques. The Artful Bird presents 16 incredibly charming, quirky, personality-filled birds for you to make! Through a detailed chapter of step-by-step basic birdmaking techniques and tips, you will not only learn to make these cute creatures, but also discover how to craft your own patterns for almost any bird--real or imagined. Inside you'll also find Glassenberg's creative ideas to give each bird individual character and personality, from using paint and glitter to adding collage elements. Plus, check out an international gallery of birds from other noted fabric bird makers for more inspiration!

BIRD-ACIOUS takes the fun, fully-illustrated approach of the Science with Stuff series on our feathered friends. This info-taining 48-page book comes complete with an owl pellet for kids to dissect. Science with Stuff books bring science to life with a real natural treasure that deepens interest and understanding. This beautiful, colorful book explores a range of interesting bird species, facts, and behaviors--and comes with an owl pellet so that kids can see for themselves how and what birds eat.

Full of bird watching basics, fun facts, and illustrated species profiles, This Is a Book for People Who Love Birds is a joyful celebration of our feathered friends! For seasoned spotters and backyard hobbyists alike, this charming guide offers an accessible look at the irresistible world of birding. Wildlife biologist and co-founder of Black Birders Week Danielle Belleny walks readers through the essentials of bird watching, from equipment to locations, offering new ideas for finding avian friends wherever you may be. Engaging profiles of North American bird species, from cardinals and blue jays to raptors and sea birds, are accompanied by whimsical illustrations sure to spark the imaginations of birders from coast to coast. Deeply researched and accessible to enthusiasts of all levels of experience, This Is a Book for People Who Love Birds is an essential addition to every bird lover's field library.

In North America alone, 60 million people identify themselves as bird-watchers, and most hone their skills right in their own backyards. This handy guide covers all aspects of birding in an easy, accessible way. Vivid illustrations of 150 common species make identification a snap.

Guidance and Wisdom from Our Feathered Friends

The Feather Thief

A Book About Henri Matisse

This Is a Book for People Who Love Birds

Crazy for Birds

An Artist's Guide

Twitching to knit? Get off to a flying start with this book, which contains all the instructions you need to bring a flock of characterful birds to life. With full, clear patterns for both quick and more involved projects, you will find a little flying friend inside. Great for gifts or perching as decorations, these quirky birds are fantastic fun to make and display, whatever your knitting experience. The book also includes step by step photographs and instructions for techniques such as sewing up, stuffing, and creating legs that will let your birds stand, perch or even cling to your finger!

As heard on NPR's This American Life " Absorbing . . . Though it's non-fiction, The Feather Thief contains many of the elements of a classic thriller. " —Maureen Corrigan, NPR ' s Fresh Air " One of the most peculiar and memorable true-crime books ever. " —Christian Science Monitor A rollicking true-crime adventure and a captivating journey into an underground world of fanatical fly-tiers and plume peddlers, for readers of The Stranger in the Woods, The Lost City of Z, and The Orchid Thief. On a cool June evening in 2009, after performing a concert at London's Royal Academy of Music, twenty-year-old American flautist Edwin Rist boarded a train for a suburban outpost of the British Museum of Natural History. Home to one of the largest ornithological collections in the world, the Tring museum was full of rare bird specimens whose gorgeous feathers were worth staggering amounts of money to the men who shared Edwin's obsession:

the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying. Once inside the museum, the champion fly-tier grabbed hundreds of bird skins—some collected 150 years earlier by a contemporary of Darwin's, Alfred Russel Wallace, who'd risked everything to gather them—and escaped into the darkness. Two years later, Kirk Wallace Johnson was waist high in a river in northern New Mexico when his fly-fishing guide told him about the heist. He was soon consumed by the strange case of the feather thief. What would possess a person to steal dead birds? Had Edwin paid the price for his crime? What became of the missing skins? In his search for answers, Johnson was catapulted into a years-long, worldwide investigation. The gripping story of a bizarre and shocking crime, and one man's relentless pursuit of justice, *The Feather Thief* is also a fascinating exploration of obsession, and man's destructive instinct to harvest the beauty of nature.