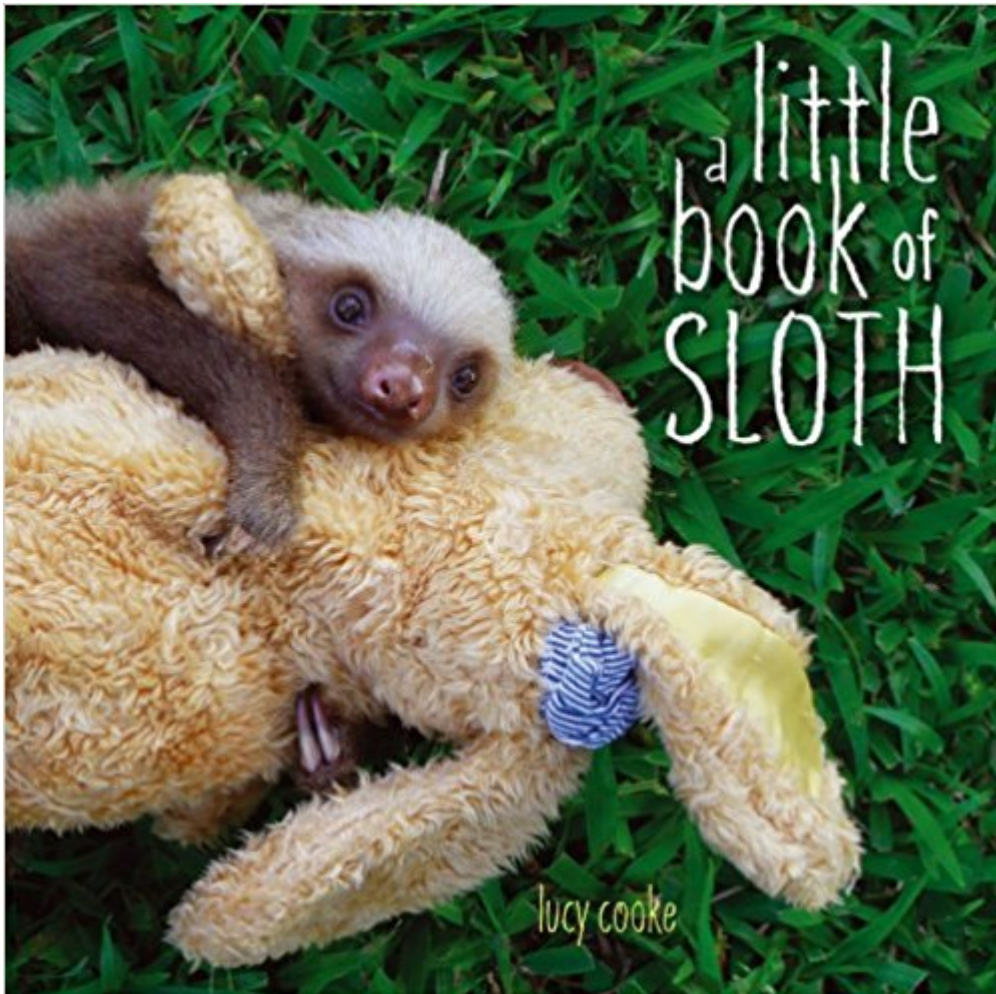




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A Little Book Of Sloth



Synopsis

Cozy up with adorable baby sloths in this irresistible photographic picture book. Hang around just like a sloth and get to know the delightful residents of the Avarios Sloth Sanctuary in Costa Rica, the world's largest sloth orphanage. You'll fall in love with bad-boy Mateo, ooh and ahh over baby Biscuit, and want to wrap your arms around champion cuddle buddy Ubu! From British filmmaker and sloth expert Lucy Cooke comes a hilarious, heart-melting photographic picture book starring the laziest and one of the cutest animals on the planet.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 and up

Grade Level: Kindergarten and up

Customer Reviews

Gr 3-5-Cooke's chatty, colloquial appreciation focuses on baby sloths in a Costa Rican sanctuary. The rescued infants and a few older companions were introduced in a documentary film, Too Cute! Baby Sloths, made by Cooke for TV's Animal Planet. Appealing color photographs of these winsome babies will surely captivate animal lovers. Bits of information on physical characteristics, behavior, and life in the sanctuary thread through an admiring discussion, emphasizing the smiling faces, hugging propensities, and sleepy lifestyle of the sloths. The science information is sketchy and often in terms likely to be most meaningful to adult readers. "The Bradypus, or three fingered sloth, is the Muppet with the medieval haircut and Mona Lisa smile." The fingers appear to be claws, and no further explanation of their structure and use is provided. Though the text mentions ways the

baby sloths are actually trained to carry out some bodily functions as they would occur in the wild, there's no mention of these animals ever being released from the sanctuary except in a brief endnote on respecting sloths as wild animals not to be made into pets. This message runs a bit counter to the gushiness of the text and the many scenes of humans cuddling them. Though explanations and information about both the sloths and the sanctuary are rather skimpy, this is an attractive introduction to an unfamiliar species. -Margaret Bush, Simmons College, Boston (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Kids, you can't possibly imagine the level of cuteness at work in this book. Here's a visual: a baby sloth hugs a teddy bear, and he's smaller than the bear. There are sloths in pjs, sloths gnawing on green beans, and even a pile of sloths in a bucket. Of course, in addition to the huggable pictures and handsome book design, there's a story here too. Cooke, photographer, zoologist, and founder of the Sloth Appreciation Society, introduces a rehabilitation sanctuary in a sleepy corner of Costa Rica, home to approximately 150 slow-moving residents. Judy Arroyo is mom to each of these creatures, from Buttercup, the first tiny orphan that landed on her doorstep, to Sunshine and Sammy, rescued from poachers. Cooke points out in her lively text that there are two families of sloth: the three-fingered *Bradypus* and the two-fingered *Choloepus* (a cross between a Wookiee and a pig). Fascinating facts about sloths abound. Move over puppies, kittens, and piglets kids are going to have a new favorite animal when they get their hands on this, especially given the unofficial sloth motto: "Just chill." Grades 2-4. --Ann Kelley

You cannot say, "no" to that sloth's cute face...This book is aimed at children, but as a full grown adult and sloth-aholic, I find the pictures and the story of the Sloth Sanctuary in Costa Rica charming and irresistibly cute! The pictures are so cute and high quality. It's a joy just looking at the book jacket and inside it's even better! This is a quality book about sloths. Do not miss it! To keep the sloth party going, I would also recommend *Hanging With The Sloth* as a cute informational DVD about sloths.

I was hoping this wasn't a book with one small pic here and there. I was pleasantly surprised to see huge, big, medium & small pics throughout the entire book with enough reading and info in it to keep it from just being pictures! I am a fan of their facebook page and was happy to support the Sloth's by buying this book =) WIN, WIN! If you love sloth's or know someone who does this is definitely a

great book to buy!!

In the zoo, we don't see too much of the sloth since they just kind of hang around. This book really introduces what I consider to be the most intelligent sloth, the very sedentary sloth. My grand kids are intrigued. The pictures are lovely. The author is able to make cogent comments on the role that they play in the ecosystem. For the potty minded toddler, bathroom habits are tactfully explained. No spoiler here, you have to read the book to find out.

This was a gift for my adult daughter and she couldn't put it down---she loved it.

Loved this book. We actually visited the sanctuary in Costa Rica so it was nice to read more about the sloths.

This book is loaded with great photos and information just right for younger folks. We know kids love bathroom humor and this book has a few pages devoted to sloth toilet habits. The photos of baby sloths are the biggest draw as very few people can resist a baby animal. I bought this for one of my grandchildren who is an animal lover. I may have to get another copy for my library! It is just too cute to not have a copy here at home. By the way, I could be a bit partial as this book uses photos of the babies at the sloth sanctuary on the east side of Costa Rica. My visit there was the highlight of the trip. The people who work there are devoted to the sloths.

Sweet book about the sloths in a Costa Rican sanctuary and their personal quirks. Photographs are adorable. We have enjoyed this book many times over the past year and just repurchased it as a gift.

Lovely gift book for those into sloths. Easy to share with a child if given to an adult. Pics are fun!

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