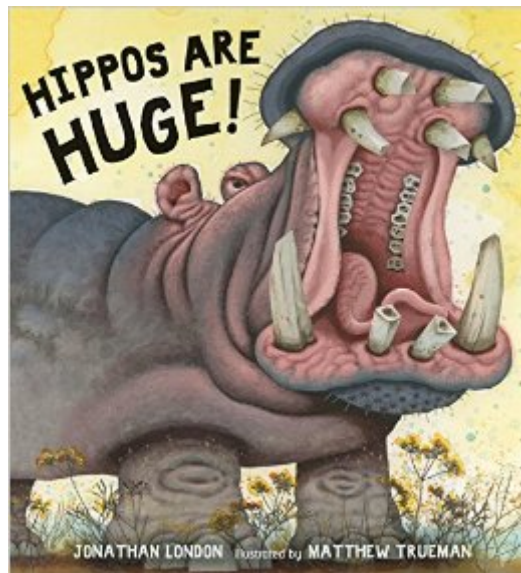


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# Hippos Are Huge!



## Synopsis

Hippos may make you laugh, but watch out! An acclaimed naturalist takes an exuberant look at these massive, swift, and super dangerous animals. What's the deadliest animal in Africa? It's not the lion or the crocodile—it's the hippopotamus! Hippos have razor-sharp tusks, weigh as much as fifty men, and can run twenty-five miles per hour! Follow these hefty hulks as they glide underwater, play tug-of-war, swat balls of dung at one another, and nuzzle their young in the mud. Just don't get too close—they could chomp you in two!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Summary: What is the most dangerous animal in Africa? A lion? A crocodile? No, it's that adorable hippopotamus innocently wallowing in the mud. Did you know a hippo can bite a crocodile in half, and run 25 miles per hour? This book is packed with fascinating information about how hippos eat, fight, move, and reproduce. Pros: Kids of all ages will enjoy this excellent nonfiction book. The brief, engaging text and large colorful illustrations make it appropriate to read aloud to preschoolers. (They'd especially enjoy the double-page picture of males swatting balls of dung at each other with their tails.) At the same time, there's enough information here to write a pretty complete report. There's even a brief index with a note on how to use it. Cons: The book starts

off as a general introduction, then on page 12 introduces a specific hippo whom we follow through the rest of the book. I didn't quite catch on to this until the end of the book, which made for a little confusion. I think the problem was with the hippo's name which was...Hippo.

I'm kind of an amateur nature buff and ever since I first heard the song "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas", I've had a strange attraction to hippos. **HIPPOS ARE HUGE!** is an educational and informative children's book about hippos. The book tells where hippos live, what they eat, how they are born, and what they do under water. It's also filled with all kinds of interesting facts. For instance, I knew hippos' jaws were powerful, but I had no idea that a hippo can bite a crocodile in half with just one bite! I also didn't know that two male hippos who were about to fight would start to throw dung at each other! **HIPPOS ARE HUGE!** is filled with fun information like that. There are two sizes of texts on each page. The larger text follows the overall loose "narrative" while the smaller text offers educational tidbits about hippos. In addition, the illustrations are playful, but still reinforce the text. **HIPPOS ARE HUGE!** is a delightful and educational children's book that not only will children enjoy reading, but one that they will learn from, too.

My daughter likes hippos. I have been teaching her her letters and when we got to the letter h I purchased a few books about hippos and this one was her favorite. It has detailed descriptions about hippo behaviour written for an elementary child. The book is informative and sometimes humorous. This is a great introduction for any child, and I learned some things also, about hippos.

The nonfiction book teaches children about Africa's most dangerous animal, the hippopotamus. My two year old brother was amazed by the bright colors, semi-intelligent word choice, and subject. Meanwhile, my mother, sister, and I guffawed at the questionable choice of information the book shows children, detailing in a child friendly way hippo reproduction for several pages. It also less intelligibly discusses hippo dung and its horrible, wafting odor. On the bright side, it denotes the dangerous nature of the animal, mentioning its battles and jaw size. In the end, the book is one of the best books I've read that can entertain tweens; children; toddlers; and parents simultaneously, but contains questionable content. Charles M, 11, Richmond Mensa

Excellent illustrations and some fascinating facts about hippos make this a picture book that your readers and adults will find enjoyable. I have to admit there were quite a few little tidbits I picked up here about hippos that I didn't know before. All in all, this is a fun book that will expand your hippo

horizon and make you a hippo expert. Now what can be better than that?

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