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**Edwin Gould, George McKay : Encyclopedia of Animals: Mammals** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of Animals: Mammals:

From Library Journal Billed as "a comprehensive illustrated guide by international experts," this book does have an impressive list of 19 contributors, many of whom also contributed to The Encyclopedia of Mammals, ed. by David W. Macdonald (Facts on File, 1987). The text is divided into two parts, which are logically organized. Part 1 covers the characteristics of mammals; how they are classified; how they evolved; their habits, adaptations, and behavior; and endangered species--giving causes and five examples. Part 2 covers the individual species grouped by orders and provides photos by leading wildlife photographers, as well as color drawings. The index is by Latin name and by common name, which will prove helpful to general readers; distribution maps for the orders will be useful to students. While the information given appears to be accurate, one mislabeled photo calls a spotted hyena a brown hyena. The most obvious lack is that the entries for the individual species are brief; e.g., there is only one paragraph on lions. As with Macdonald's book, this is aimed at general readers and young adults. Macdonald's is the better book, though it is more expensive (\$65).-Edell Marie Peters, Brookfield P.L., Wis. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.