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They're SSSLITHERY! SLIPPERY! They creep us out! But get to know them and you'll find snakes private, quiet types who just want a cool, shady place to call home. From the tip of their forked tongues, to skin that sheds, to the rattles on certain tails, these creatures have secrets all kids will love. Cool photos and fun facts slip us inside their surprising world.

## **Snakes! Details**

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## From Reader Review Snakes! for online ebook

### Oliver says

I liked this book because there were jokes like what does a hawk order in an ice cream shop? A milk snake! The most interesting thing was that some people have pet snakes. I would maybe want a pet snake.

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### Brad says

As levelled readers go, *National Geographic Kids* is my favourite series, and Melissa Stewart's Snakes is one of the best. But that could be because I dig snakes.

Seriously, though, it is not just because I dig snakes.

Stewart crafts a smart little book, full of interesting titbits, lots of killer trivia, and she even taught me a thing or two I never knew or forgot somewhere along the line.

Like, did you know that not all snakes lay eggs? Some of them, like the Puff Adder, actually carry their living babies in their bellies. And here, all this time, I thought the "Snake Surprise" in Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom was just a bit of cinematic fantasy silliness.

And did you know that garter snakes in Canada gather together to hibernate? Thousands of them. How cool is that?

Damn do I love learning new stuff. It never gets old.

The photographs, undoubtedly from the beautiful National Geographic archives, are a fitting accompaniment to Stewart's writing, perfectly illustrating the lessons she's teaching. And the writing level is perfect for boys and girls just starting to read on their own.

Yep, Snakes is a really good book in a really good series.

Still, as I read these new National Geographic books (and I read whichever ones my kids are reading), I can't help missing those old National Geographic books. Do you remember those large format hard cover books with titles like *Creatures of the Night* and *Animals and Their Hiding Places*? There's a bit of nostalgia for those books that holds me back from giving my full love to the books that have replaced them.

Grumpy old bastard that I am.

In case you're wondering, I'll be reading Sharks next since it's the one Bronte is reading right now.

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### Megan says

I enjoyed reading this book. It was filled with fun facts that kept me interested and I was curious to know

more. I'm not a fan of snakes but this book kind of taught me there is a lot more to snakes than just scary creatures!

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### **Shelli says**

National Geographic Kids always has interesting books with stunning photography that kids will love and learn from. This addition *Snakes!* is particularly good because of the always wonderful Melissa Stewart, each of her non-fiction works is written in a way that is easy to understand, and attention-grabbing for young readers on up. I learned sssso much about thisss interessssting inhabitant of our planet; sssssensssssational!

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### **Autumn says**

K picked this book up from his school library.

You get a lot of different information about different kinds of snakes. You learn about how they move, about super snakes their senses and a little bit more. There the pictures are realistic and go with what is being told to you. National Geographic did a great job with the information and the pictures. Me and K learned a little bit more about the different snakes that were told in this book.

This is a level two reader so it is great for those that can read as they can read it to themselves. But I think it is great for all school age children and for those that either love snakes or want to learn more about snakes. I see us buying this book to keep on our shelves.

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### **Rochelle Sondae says**

Level 2 Reader

I am not giving this one a 4 star rating, my four year old cousin is giving it a 5 and I'm refusing to follow his recommendation. To say he loved this book would be an understatement. Between my squirming at each picture and the information presented he was thrilled with every turn of the page.

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### **Elizabeth Hendy says**

Summary: Wanna know about snakes? Where they live? What they eat? What they like to do? Read this book! It gives you everything that you need to know!

Evaluation: I gave the book a 4.5. The pictures were wonderful and the text was engaging. It was a wonderful non-fiction read, for someone who is interested in snakes.

Teaching Idea: I would use this if I were having students do research on vertebrates and invertebrates. This would be a great resource for that sort of activity.

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### **Jeremy says**

Eli LOVED it!

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### **Melissa Foley says**

This book is about snakes, snakes and more snakes! This book does a great job of highlighting the most fascinating facts about snakes that every kid wants to know: how snakes move, super snakes, snake snacks, and which snakes are the most poisonous, heaviest, fastest, and smallest! Not to mention it is filled with many photographs of a variety of snakes and their body parts.

Even though it is a book for beginning readers, it will delight kids of all ages. I think it will be especially be great for boys.

This would be a great fit for young students because snakes have always been a topic of fascination for people. I think students love to learn about creatures they are afraid of or who are revered in a society.

I would use this book as a source of research when students are writing a paper. I think it would be helpful because it is short, but full of useful facts. I also think it would be good to have on the shelf for readers who struggle with reading and as a way to engage boys in reading. Struggling readers could use the visuals as a way to understand the words.

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### **Claire Freeman says**

This non-fiction book is full of fun facts about our slithery friends. There are also several fun pictures that will keep the attention of the students. This book is a great segue to a science lesson on snakes.

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### **Charles Perkins says**

Yet another snake book. This book has many children-level facts about snakes, and lots of interesting pictures. I would recommend this book for teachers who want their students to read about animals, and this series of books is informative from a children-level of reading.

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### **Dee says**

National Geo does a great job with Kids books. This book was full of facts and a lot of good photography. It also had jokes which makes it a fun book for kids. If a snake went to school what would its favorite class be? Hiss-tory of course! I also learned why a snake has a forked tongue. I thought it had to do with telling lies. It is to let them know which way to turn. Pretty cool. This one makes it to the 1-2-1 table.

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### **Jessie says**

Wolfie says, “these are probably going to be the best books I’ve ever read because they’re non-fiction.”

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### **Gabriel says**

First of all, I liked that there was jokes on the top of some pages. I couldn’t believe that some people keep snakes for pets. It’s really weird. I think it’s no fair that if snakes get their tongues out they know if it is safe to go left or right. I wish I could do that. I learned that if a snake’s pupil is round, it hunts in the day time, and if its pupil is ova lush shaped it hunts in the nighttime.

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### **Miloš & Brontë says**

Pa: So what did you think, Beans?

Miloš: I thought that it was cool that some people like to have a pet snake and some snakes are ticklish.

Pa: That sounds cool. How do you tickle a snake?

Miloš: No. I mean they can tickle you.

Pa: Aaaah! Kooky.

Miloš: Just by touching them you can be tickled.

Pa: So do you want a pet snake?

Miloš: Yes. I do.

Bronte: Do you want poisonous snake?

Miloš: No, I want a snake that is harmless, that won’t hurt anybody, but it would be fun to put the snake in Mom’s bed.

Pa: For Kiki Fool’s Day?

Miloš: Yeah.

Pa: So what else did you learn? Or like?

Miloš: I loved that he, um, or a snake … his nose was up on the top of his head and the eyes were on the side but he can still see in front, but when he sliterhs, he hisses, he strikes, his eyes, the slit, turn the shape of a

stick and it looks really scary.

Pa: Would you ever eat a snake?

Miloš: No.

Pa: Why not?

Miloš: I like snakes too much.

Pa: So that must mean you hate cows.

Miloš: Why?

Pa: Cause you're eating steak tonight.

Miloš: I don't hate cows.

Pa: I see. So anything else?

Miloš: No.

Pa: Sounds good. See ya.

Miloš: See you.

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