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A hilarious tribute to state birds! Welcome to the United Tweets Pageant! This colorful parade of state birds competing to be Top Tweet will have readers of all ages laughing aloud. From Alabama's Yellowhammer to Wyoming's Western Meadowlark, each bird is a winner—and each bird loves to show off the state it calls home. Hudson Talbott has created an inspired introduction to states and their birds. His vibrant, detailed illustrations infuse the birds' interactions with energy and humor, making this a great way to spark kids' interest in United States history, geography, and, of course, wildlife!

## **United Tweets of America: 50 State Birds, Their Stories, Their Glories Details**

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## **From Reader Review United Tweets of America: 50 State Birds, Their Stories, Their Glories for online ebook**

### **Nikki says**

We received this in our bird themed reading crate and my 6 yr old has continued going back to it. The illustrations are bright and colorful and the random facts (besides the state bird) for each state are really fun!

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### **Lisa Vegan says**

I love reading books such as this for fun. For school it would be less fun, particularly if the reader was expected to memorize the information.

Wonderful map of the U.S. at the beginning. Pretty and easy to read. But Hawaii is way too far to the south. Love the framed portraits of all the birds that will appear in the rest of the book, state by state in alphabetical order.

What I wasn't expecting: funny, with shtick, that some readers will find amusing, some annoying.

This book has lots of trivia, on different subjects as well as different details for different states, with some history and pop culture, and a mish mash of other information thrown in.

I found myself singing in my head multiple times, particularly liking the Oklahoma page, and I did like the last, united, song.

I think many 7 or 8 to 10 or 11 year olds will find this book hilarious as well as informative.

The illustrations are very busy, very detailed, and contribute much text to the book. I think most kids will be attracted to them.

I would have loved this book from ages 8 to 10 or so. I'd have poured over it thoroughly and repeatedly.

As an adult I wanted to "fill in the blanks" with facts that were presented for some vs. all states.

Rated down a star for my childhood self and up a star for my adult self.

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### **Sara Cranford says**

United Tweets of America may appear at first glance to be just another historical or informational text book for children, but don't let Hudson Talbott fool you. This book is a hilarious read. It begins with our nation's "Big Bird", the bald eagle, hosting the United Tweets of America Pageant. Page after page, Big Bird introduces each contestant. From their home state, to information about each bird, to "cool" historical figures from their state, this book is filled with historical and factual information. Not only does Talbott provide us with informative text, he also gives a voice to each bird and their story! Pick up this book, and you're sure to

find yourself laughing along as you read through the pages!

This book is a great read aloud for younger grades such as kindergarten, but also a wonderful take home beginning reader info text for 1st through 3rd grade (ages 6-8). Along with its hilarious story, each page is filled with beautiful illustration and together the words and the pictures tell a great story. This book shows children that while we all have our own unique qualities and we all come from different homes, sometimes different places from across the country, we are all winners. United we stand. Divided we fall. We can do so much more by working together instead of competing against each other. United Tweets of America is a fabulous choice for anyone to read! I highly recommend picking it up today and seeing just how fun learning can be!

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### **Dolly says**

This is a humorous book about the different state birds, but it's really so much more than that as well. Several other notable characteristics about each state is mentioned (varying in content) and the interaction between the birds on different pages is hilarious.

This book was recommended to me by our local librarian and we really enjoyed it. We took our time, only covering a couple of states each night, so that we could truly appreciate the wit.

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### **Haley says**

This is a book about the 50 state birds of the United States. It goes through each state and talks about the bird as well as a few other things that belong to each state. There is even some cute dialogue from each bird.

My favorite part was the dialogue from the birds. It gave them each a lot of personality which i think will really keep my students interested in them. I think it will also make the birds and the states easier to remember.

I would use this to teach about the United States and maybe even a lesson on the letter B for bird.

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### **Nicholas Lemen says**

United Tweets of America is a well done project, full of beautiful illustrations and state trivia, along with plenty of bird-related humor.

The premise is that the all the state birds are coming together for a pageant in the style of Miss America with the bald eagle as the Master of Ceremonies. The various personalities of the birds and their differences provide enough material to keep you interested up to the hilarious dramatic climax, which is closely followed by a warm-hearted conclusion.

It deserves a high rating but not because it has an encyclopedic compilation of state trivia. However the state trivia that is included is presented in a way that will keep your interest and perhaps encourage further reading and researching on the subject. It's the kind of book that can be enjoyed and appreciated by children and adults alike.

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### **Collin Powell says**

This is a book about the different state birds in America organized by state name. Each state has a full page that describes the bird, along with other information about the state like the capitol city and the state nickname. At the end it includes a version of "God Bless America" written with birds in mind.

Each state bird is given its own quote and a description of its personality.

This book could be useful in learning about the different states, about state capitols and in learning about the Geography of the US. It's very entertaining and is likely to hold children's interest.

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### **Mischenko says**

United Tweets of America: 50 State Birds, Their Stories, Their Glories, by Hudson Talbott is a children's book of all the 50 state birds and more.

When I picked this up I expected it to encompass all 50 state birds along with information pertaining to them. What a glorious surprise! The book is chock-full of facts about the state birds, state capitals, important people, and state nicknames. Some select states include information about state plants, gems, insects, instruments and even foods! We were amazed by all the information included.

Each state has select illustrations of birds, plants, and more. The book concludes with our national bird and the lyrics to "America the Beautiful."

This is a great book for classrooms, libraries, and home. There's so much information here, it's definitely a keeper!

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### **Boni says**

Don't judge this book by its cover. I assumed this was a nicely illustrated, non-fiction state-birds book, very informative, but maybe a little bit (*shhh!*) boring- and boy was I wrong (about the boring part!)

Highly entertaining, funny, filled with interesting facts, *seriously* interesting facts, about states and their birds and nicknames and all kinds of oddball stuff. Once you open this book, you will not want to put it down. You will want to read every little caption and fact and examine every illustration and you will laugh. You'll flip back-and-forth comparing entries, you'll read facts out loud to anyone within earshot and you'll learn while having fun. Honestly, what more can you ask for in a book?

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### **Meliny Pond says**

This book is an overview of the state birds for the 50 states. All the birds are in a "pageant" to see who the winner is.

I loved this book! It was so funny and so informational! The author and illustrator gave all the state birds different characteristics and made them into their own people.

I would use this book in my classroom when we are talking about the states.

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### **Molly says**

This picture book gives information about the state bird for each state along with a few facts about her bird and state, presenting that information as though the birds are competing in a pageant. It is informative and the style is pretty fun.

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### **Karissa Fankhauser says**

This informational text is very much like a reference book. It is basically an encyclopedia of birds, but it is organized in a very unique way: alphabetically by state. So in other words, readers can look up their own state and read all about that state's bird. If you read it start to finish, you'll read about Alabama's Yellowhammer first all the way to Wyoming's Western Meadowlark last. I love this organizational method because it is like nothing I've ever seen before! It really makes me want to read the whole book, rather than just pick out one or two birds. While there are no real photographs of the birds, the illustrations of the birds are hilarious. For example, Mississippi's Mockingbird is dressed like Elvis and Nevada's Mountain Bluebird is sitting at a blackjack casino table. Each page features a different state, includes basic state info, and a small paragraph about the bird. After each bird has "paraded through the United Tweets of America Pageant," readers will be sufficiently satisfied and exponentially smarter about the birds of the U.S. This would be a great tie in to the social studies curriculum, specifically 5th grade when learning state capitals is part of the standards.

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### **Elizabeth Woodruff says**

United Tweets of America is an incredible book! It has every state bird, what they do, the state capital, other animals of the states, and more. The author wrote it in such a fun way. The birds are a part of a pageant and they are introducing themselves throughout the book! Very cool!

I loved this book! I wish that I had read such a book when I was little! Not many kids know much about state birds so this would be a GREAT book to use! Even I learned a lot from reading this book:)

I would use this book when doing a lesson on the USA. The kids will have a blast with this book. You can do many activities along with this book too! GREAT read! I highly recommend using this book with your students.

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**Alice says**

This is such a fun book!! I love this! It is done in a fun unique way without forcing a lot of boring useless facts that I would only use on a test for 4th Grade! This was a riot! Thanks for the giggle and the googling to verify some of the strange claims and for mockingbird calls..... tweet tweet!

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**Paul says**

I ordered this book from my nephews' school's book club, and I must confess I ordered it more for myself than for them. This book would have been completely within my wheelhouse when I was their age.

The book is full of facts and information on the official birds of the 50 states (and Washington DC), which would have made this a favorite for me, a burgeoning geography geek.

Although there are a couple of factual issues (like Minnie Pearl being called a singer), Talbott presents the information quite well and wittily. Both my oldest nephew and I laughed while reading this book, and that's a sign of a successful book to me.

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