

Info Sheet for Librarians



The Disobedient Owl / Carl Ewald

Book One / Translation by Bill Zucker

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To Acquisitions' Librarians

These three books are my new translations (with adaptations) from Danish of what passed for 'classic' children's stories written over 100 years ago. They will soon be published, and I hope that you will see the value of adding them to your library's new acquisitions.

The author (Carl Ewald) of these stories was a near contemporary of Charles Darwin and many of the stories illustrate Darwin's important principles governing species' evolution and the role of competitive forces in nature. Ewald trained in forestry and became an especially observant field biologist, thanks to his keen appreciation of Darwinian principles and his own careful inquiries into how nature is.

These stories would be especially practical for assisting teachers, homeschoolers, parents, and storytellers in strengthening the child's natural curiosity and understanding of: "how does nature really work?"

Book One: *The Disobedient Owl and Other Tales*

Would you like to learn how plants and animals *really* get along with each other?

In this first book of stories, you'll learn what truly goes on behind the scenes in nature.

Among ten stories, there's a look at why cuckoos don't build their own nests, why owls only go out in the dark, and what happens when a female spider is considering a mate—that one's not for the squeamish!

From these educational yet entertaining stories, children will gain a modern understanding of why nature continues to fascinate us through all its complexity and often its strangeness.

These are 'true to life' nature stories and Darwin himself would surely have approved!

For more information, visit classicnaturestoriesforkids.com and get a free introductory story.

Book Two: *The Orphaned Ducklings and Other Tales*

Would you like to learn how what we humans do affects plants and animals?

In this second book of stories children will observe how man has treated nature in our modern times. Or should we say, sometimes mistreated? The stories reveal the author's deep reverence for protecting the natural environments and settings, where plants and animals can thrive, and also compete as nature intended, and as nature's laws dictate.

Among ten stories, there's a look—from a herring's point of view—at how the oceans are affected by man's search for food, a mother duck's devotion to her young, how man learned to harvest the wind, and how an eel wiggles through a meadow at some unexpected risk!

From these educational yet entertaining stories, children will gain a modern understanding of why an enduring and protected nature is our constant responsibility.

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Book Three: *The Unfortunate Carp and Other Watery Tales*

Would you like a close-up look at the natural world around and beneath the surface of a seemingly peaceful lake?

In this third book of stories, by observing the activities in a large lake, seen through the eyes of a nesting reed-warbler pair, children can learn about the many different residents of the lake that go about their business above and below the water. To most children, a lake is a calm and placid place where you go to play, to swim or to fish. But, as will be described here, it can also be a place of unseen and unsuspected interactions between competing species.

Among the fourteen short stories, there are various fish, an eel, clams, and a crayfish, plus several insects. There are strange, insect-trapping plants, frogs and tadpoles, birds, and also humans, who often interfere with the give and take of the habitat... one that is far from peaceful at times.

From these educational yet entertaining stories, children will gain a better understanding of what actually happens in the unfamiliar niches of a seemingly serene lake.

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