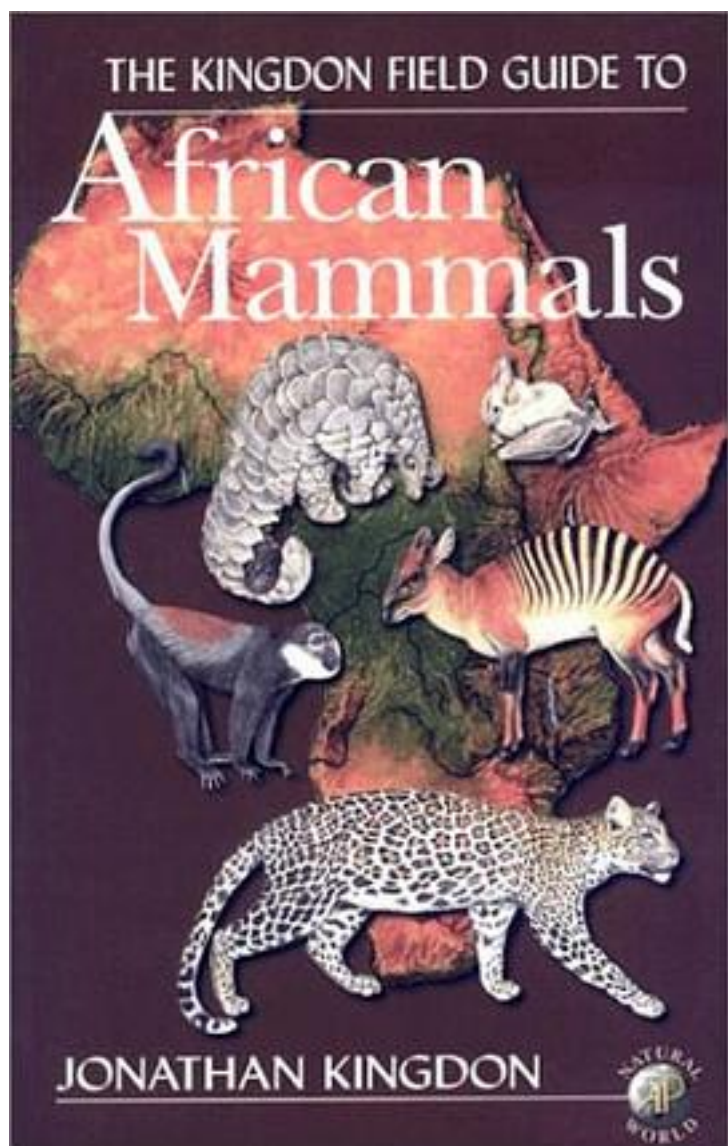


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The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals is a most precious volume. It is a work of almost heroic proportions, more akin in its scope and feel to the great monographs of the nineteenth century than a modern work. Yet it is also a field guide and works admirably as such. What has won this book pride of place on my bookshelves, however, is the extraordinary fusion it represents between science, natural history, and art. Kingdon's African Mammals is a very special human achievement. It is, I sense, a love letter to a place that has nurtured, instructed and given its author space to grow. In a world of ever-increasing specialization and division of labor, I fear we will not see a similar work again.

作者介绍:

Since the appearance of his seven-volume encyclopaedia of East African mammals in the 1970s, Kingdon has become a figure of high distinction in conservationist circles. His extraordinary talents as a writer and painter have been dedicated to astonishingly beautiful and detailed records of African fauna and the ecosystems that sustain them. This makes his new field guide rather more than a handbook...The richness of information is exemplary. The illustrations would make a big cat purr...It is one of Kingdon's strengths, both as a naturalist and as an artist, that he is interested in how animals look and feel to each other...His drawings and paintings stress the elegant functionality of body geometry, the way animals use facial and body patterns for visual signaling.

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金顿是著名的生物学家，一生的大部分时间都贡献给了非洲。本书翔实的记录了非洲原野上的野生哺乳动物的种群和分类。无论是欣赏还是收藏，都值得购买。

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