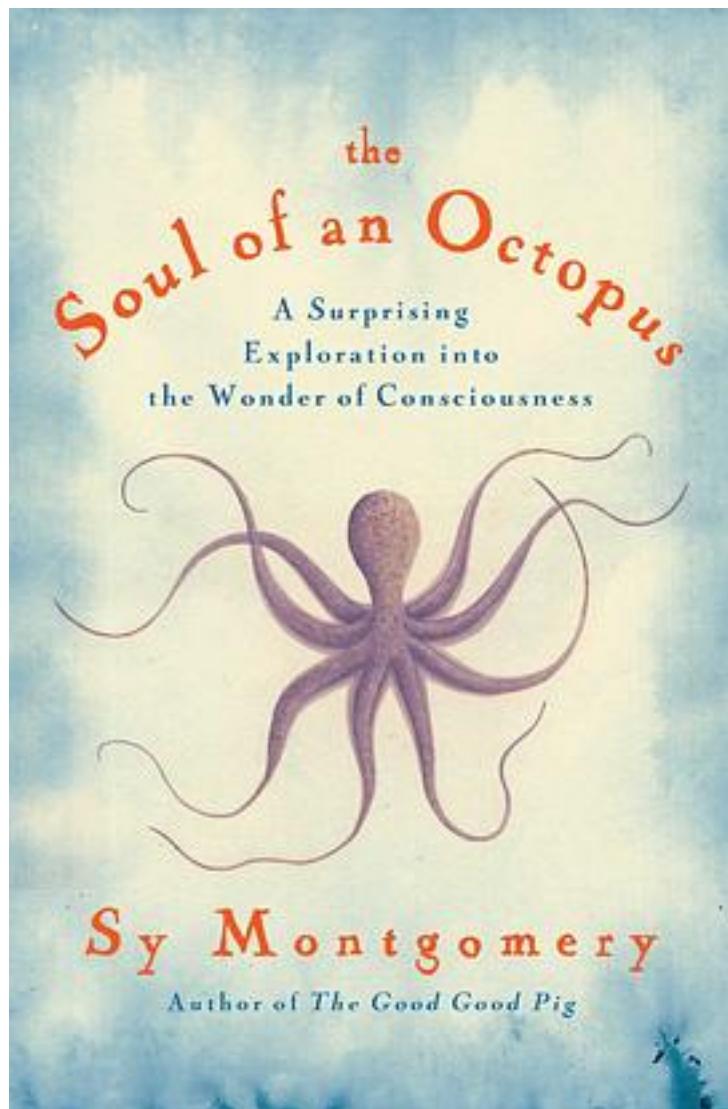


The Soul of an Octopus



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In this astonishing book from the author of the bestselling memoir *The Good Good Pig*, Sy Montgomery explores the emotional and physical world of the octopus—a surprisingly complex, intelligent, and spirited creature—and the remarkable connections it makes with humans.

Sy Montgomery's popular 2011 Orion magazine piece, "Deep Intellect," about her friendship with a sensitive, sweet-natured octopus named Athena and the grief she felt at her death, went viral, indicating the widespread fascination with these mysterious, almost alien-like creatures. Since then Sy has practiced true immersion journalism, from New England aquarium tanks to the reefs of French Polynesia and the Gulf of Mexico, pursuing these wild, solitary shape-shifters. Octopuses have varied personalities and intelligence they show in myriad ways: endless trickery to escape enclosures and get food; jetting water playfully to bounce objects like balls; and evading caretakers by using a scoop net as a trampoline and running around the floor on eight arms. But with a beak like a parrot, venom like a snake, and a tongue covered with teeth, how can such a being know anything? And what sort of thoughts could it think?

The intelligence of dogs, birds, and chimpanzees was only recently accepted by scientists, who now are establishing the intelligence of the octopus, watching them solve problems and deciphering the meaning of their color-changing camouflage techniques. Montgomery chronicles this growing appreciation of the octopus, but also tells a love story. By turns funny, entertaining, touching, and profound, *The Soul of an Octopus* reveals what octopuses can teach us about consciousness and the meeting of two very different minds.

作者介绍:

Sy Montgomery is a naturalist, documentary scriptwriter, and author of twenty acclaimed books of nonfiction for adults and children, including the memoir *The Good Good Pig*, which was a national bestseller. The recipient of numerous honors, including lifetime achievement awards from the Humane Society and the New England Booksellers Association, she lives in New Hampshire with her husband, border collie, and flock of chickens.

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评论

自从小时候爱上了一本科普老读物《章鱼家族趣谈》，时隔多年仍念念不忘，最近遇到了又一本讲章鱼的科普佳作，怎讲，如果小美人鱼要在海里养个猫，可能会养章鱼吧。作者算是趣味科普畅销书中的常客了，希望引进。

书名可以改成“*My encounters with captured wild animals and how they all find me speical*”

作者：“八爪鱼是一种高智商、充满好奇心、且享受独处的动物……水族馆把尚未能饲养在展示水箱里的年幼八爪鱼囚禁在一个狭窄、毫无趣味及互动性可言的桶里，每逢打开盖子之际八爪鱼都明显想逃脱并对围观的人类喷水。”读者（我）：“请问水族馆从人道问题和动物福利角度而言是否有值得检讨的地方？”作者：“……”【十分讨人厌的一本书：一来书里的八爪鱼实在太可怜了，二来对于作者私生活及人际关系的描述太多了——还学贷啊寻找人生意义啊之类话题我不 care 啊？我是来看八爪鱼的啊谁 jb cares abt 人类？？弃了。

学潜水看章鱼已正式加入bucket list

书的前半本部分我听得很专注，但是后来觉得就有一点重复。不过作者对动物可是全心全意地热爱，心也融化了。

嗯 没法再吃章鱼了

12/03/2019

安静地每日阅读一点，有些不舍地看完了这本书。一直对章鱼有着特殊的感情，随着作者的经历，感同身受般地和octavia, Kali, karma

“相遇”，意识到我们竟然如此的相似，却又如此的不同。当好奇慢慢转变为越来越多的理解，慢慢体会到灵魂的存在于我，于它都是一样的。

#2016#年读完的第一本书。作者很会讲故事，导致我词穷了。

They r beautiful, the book and the octopus. The common impression in most of our minds about the octopus r scary, alienish animals. That was my impression about octopus before I encountered the story. Book author did a very simple thing, she told us what the octopus really r. Intelligent, interactive, and beautiful. That's what octopus really like.

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