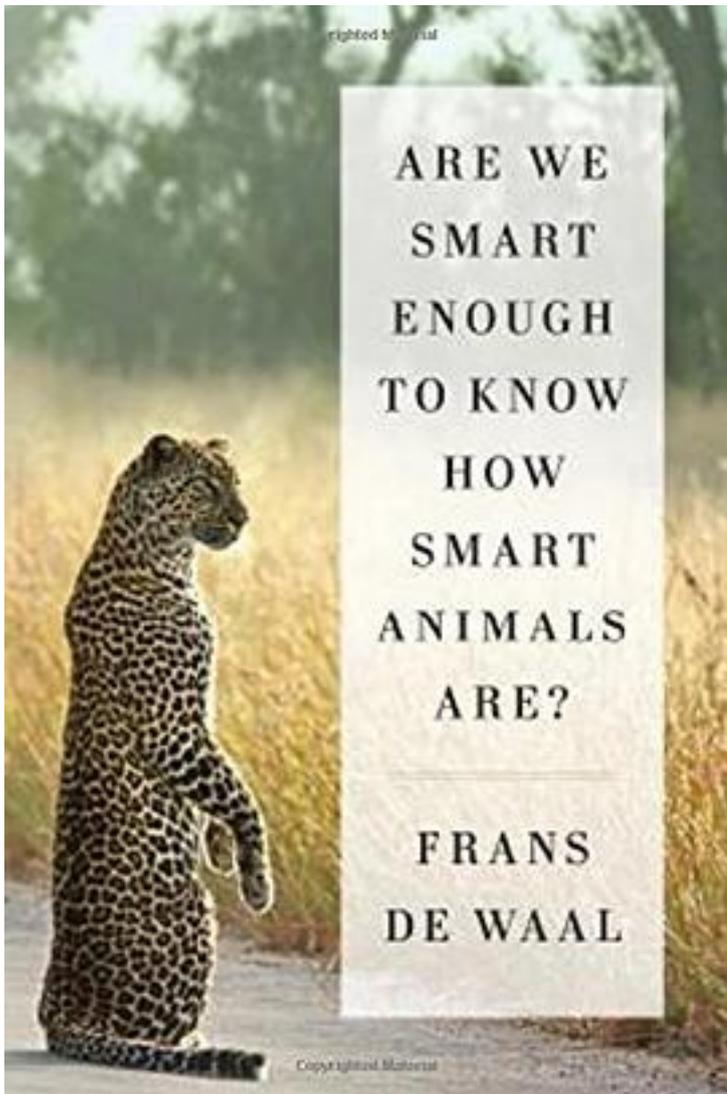


Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?



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What separates your mind from an animal's? Maybe you think it's your ability to design tools, your sense of self, or your grasp of past and future – all traits that have helped us define ourselves as the planet's preeminent species. But in recent decades, these claims have been eroded, or even disproven, by a revolution in the study of animal cognition: take the octopuses that use coconut shells as tools; the elephants that classify humans by age, gender, and language; or Ayumu, the young male chimpanzee at Kyoto University whose flash memory puts that of humans to shame. Based on research involving crows, dolphins, parrots, sheep, wasps, bats, whales, and of course chimpanzees and bonobos, Frans de Waal demonstrates that we have grossly underestimated both the scope and the depth of animal intelligence. He offers a firsthand account of how science has stood traditional behaviorism on its head by revealing how smart animals really are.

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评论

大开眼界的一本书

既然生物的认知只是ta对自己环境的应对，那么我们还可能进一步说，认知和智力并不是什么特别了不起的东西，演化想要造出来就能造出来，就跟肌肉一样，就看能不能用得着。这大概可以让研究智能的人类多一点平常心。

期待关于大猫的故事。封面很有误导性。不过内容还是很不错的

COGS011 Supplement 6 | 作为给nonprofessional audience的书这本还是写的很好的但很浅 没触及numerical cognition / theory of mind / adaptive specialization or memory 倒是比较放松的读物

great entertainment..beyond words. probably do a second read

充满了测量天花板的实例

This is an excellent book that discusses how we should assess the intelligence of animals. Good writing.

内容精彩，鲸鱼、大象的部分都让人反复看好多遍欲罢不能，人类并不是什么了不起的动物，只是更能适应现在的环境罢了。但是写作略啰嗦，同一个实验在不同章节里提到了好多遍，扣一颗星

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