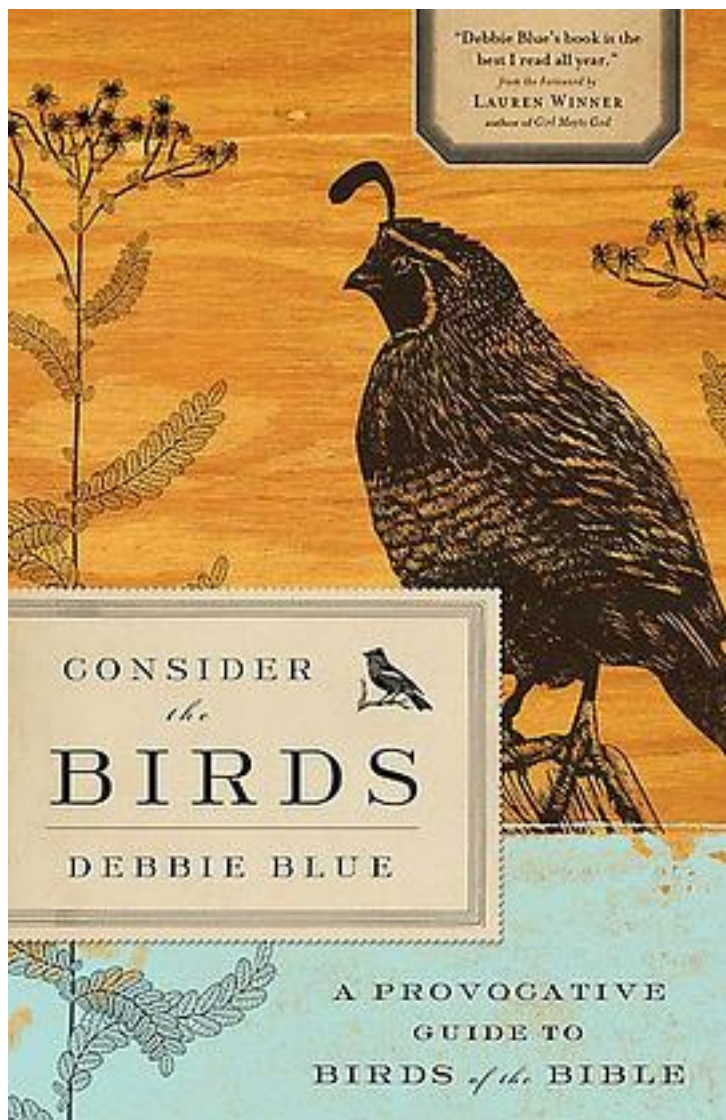


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All animals are equal – but some, as George Orwell said, are more equal than others, and birds, most people would surely agree, are in the very first rank. They can do almost everything that mammals can do – and more besides. By mastering flight, they have a way of living that encompasses the whole world.

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