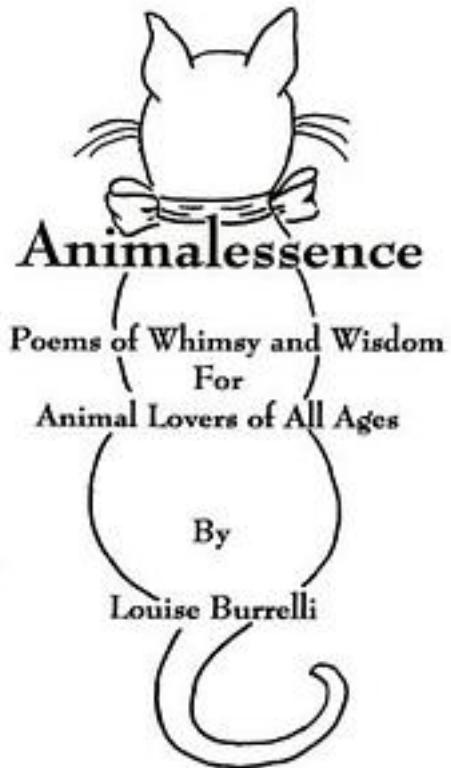


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Using the format of an alphabetical parade of animals, the author reveals how the poetic imagination links the worlds of humans and animals. In literature, animals have

often served as metaphors for human conduct and emotions. The poems presented here follow in that tradition and explore a wide range of human experiences: vanity, deception, self-delusion, altruism, loyalty, and hope, to name a few. That these qualities find correspondence in both humans and animals provides both pleasure and insight. Additionally, such contemporary themes as political correctness, identity theft, and surgical makeovers are also captured by the authors incisive pen. Though these poems are written for animal lovers of all ages, parents and children reading together will discover many enjoyable opportunities to discuss the real life situations and challenges presented in each poem. Teachers will find this work a valuable tool for classroom discussions. The range of style in the poems varies from the classic fable to a charming animal monologue. The closing lines often end with an unexpected twist or with words of wisdom. The subjects are treated with a light, humorous touch. The author clearly has fun with language as reflected in her creative rhymes and linguistic word-play. Original illustrations by the author offer visual entertainment beyond the poetic text. In her debut book of verse, Burrelli, a former teacher of foreign languages, assembles 26 poems extolling the characters of creatures real and imagined. She offers an alphabetical menagerie of beasts that includes the mythical Unicorn and the virtually unknown termite-like Xylophage. As the work's title implies, the author aims to capture each creature's essence, which she does with wit and aplomb, often with the animal speaking for itself. "Cattitude" and "Stage Fright" offer particularly captivating portrayals of the cat and rooster, respectively. Many other entertaining examples of personification are provided throughout the text. Young listeners and adult animal lovers will appreciate these endearing and thoughtful portraits. -Kirkus Discoveries

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