



# Keepers of the Animals

Native American Stories and  
Wildlife Activities  
for Children



## IN A NUTSHELL

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### SUBJECTS

Fine Arts  
Language Arts  
Science  
Social Studies

*Keepers of the Animals* is a compilation of twenty-four stories from a variety of Native American traditions. Each story is annotated with background information, a discussion of the story and the cultural background from which it stems, information about the animals highlighted in the story, discussion questions to be posed to students, and activities designed to give students a clearer understanding of the natural history facts or processes described in the story. Individual activities list goals, age ranges, and materials needed. The text is illustrated with drawings, photographs, diagrams, and masters for student pages and assignments. Activities are coded to indicate preferred settings, and which of four principle subject areas (sensory awareness, understanding, caring for animals, and caring for people) is involved. Activities and subjects are indexed, and a pronunciation guide to Native American words is included. The *Teacher's Guide* includes four essays on education and native cultures and provides lists of resources and additional readings for each chapter.

**Grade Level**  
K-adult

**Length**  
266 pages

**Date Published**  
1991

THE BOTTOM  
LINE

"There is so much good and interesting information that at first it is overwhelming."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Identifies reviewers and states their professions and affiliations. Presents differing viewpoints and encourages student inquiry. Perspective of authors clearly stated.	
	Depth	Addresses broad concepts by using concrete examples. Focuses on developing an appreciation of the complexity of connections between life forms.	Does little to address economic aspects of issues.
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Addresses critical thinking skills such as observation, analysis, and problem solving.	It is sometimes difficult to identify the skills involved in each activity.
	Action Orientation	Strong on developing sense of personal responsibility. Provides opportunities for students to become involved in action projects.	
	Instructional Soundness	Activities are learner-centered and interdisciplinary. Goals and concepts are clearly stated. Contains both indoor and outdoor activities. Attentive to different learning styles.	
	Usability	Well organized with helpful index and table of contents.	Materials for some activities may be difficult to obtain. Time requirements are not listed.

"Allows students to explore values and ethics within the context of nature while providing a good means of teaching scientific concepts."

"Creative thinking, including the use of metaphors, is modeled and encouraged."