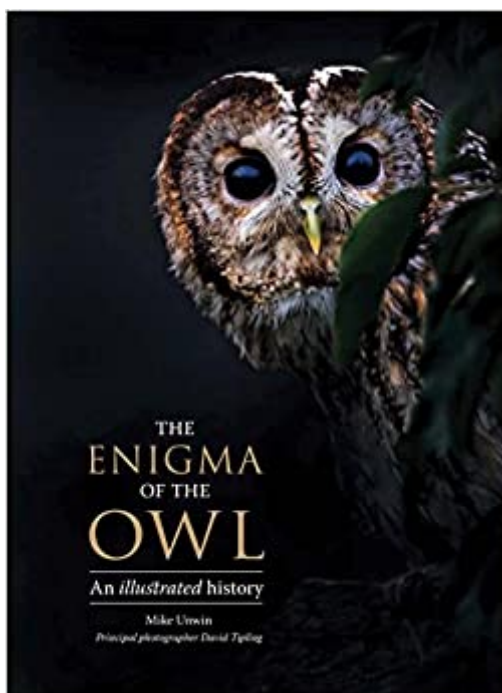


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# The Enigma Of The Owl: An Illustrated Natural History



## Synopsis

A rare invitation into the mysterious lives of owls around the world, with spectacularly revealing photographs and fascinating details. Perhaps no other creature has so compelling a gaze as the owl. Its unblinking stare mesmerizes; its nocturnal lifestyle suggests secrets and mystery. This lavishly illustrated book celebrates owls from every corner of the world and offers abundant details on fifty-three of the most striking and interesting species, from the tiny Elf Owl of southwestern American deserts to the formidable Blakiston's Fish Owl, the largest of all owls. Mike Unwin has long studied and admired these remarkable birds from cold northern forests to tropical rivers and beyond. He explains how owls evolved into the supreme feathered predators of the night, and he examines their breeding and hunting behaviors, unusual calls, and the cultural myths and superstitions that surround different species. More than two hundred dramatic color photographs in the wild, taken or selected by David Tipling, capture the wondrous beauty of each owl and the drama of life in its own home region.

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“By grouping select owls geographically . . . Unwin and Tipling enable better appreciation of their unique adaptive capacities. I found I was on a worldwide tour and savoring each species group!”  
•Tony Angell, from the Foreword

Mike Unwin is an award-winning author of numerous books and articles on natural history and

travel. The British Guild of Travel Writers named him UK Travel Writer of the Year in 2016. He lives in Brighton, UK. David Tipling is a world-renowned wildlife photographer and author whose many accolades include the designation European Nature Photographer of the Year (2002). He lives in Norfolk, UK.

Beautiful illustrations; illuminating text.

A gift for my husband, the owl lover! This book is beautiful full of pictures and information! So much fun to pick up anytime!

Love this book. The photographs are wonderful. They look so real, it's like seeing the owls up close in real time. The text is well written and in detail about each type of owl.

This book contains fabulous photos and detailed descriptions of a most captivating animal. Highly recommended and well-worth the price (approx \$26)

A thorough visual treatment on the subject of owls which for bird photographers are very difficult subjects. Regrettably the photographers' marvelous images of owls are disappointing due to the poor photo reproduction by the printers. If the printing process of the photographs was of quality this would be an exceptional book. Nonetheless it is an interesting read.

The photographs in this book are magnificent. The patience and skill required in taking them is deeply impressive. In addition, the accompanying texts are informative and well written. This is a beautiful book in all ways. I bought it for my mother, who is 96, and she was mesmerized by the photos. Before giving it to her, though, I was able to read much of it myself. Congratulations are due to all involved.

Great Illustrations and Excellent Text.

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