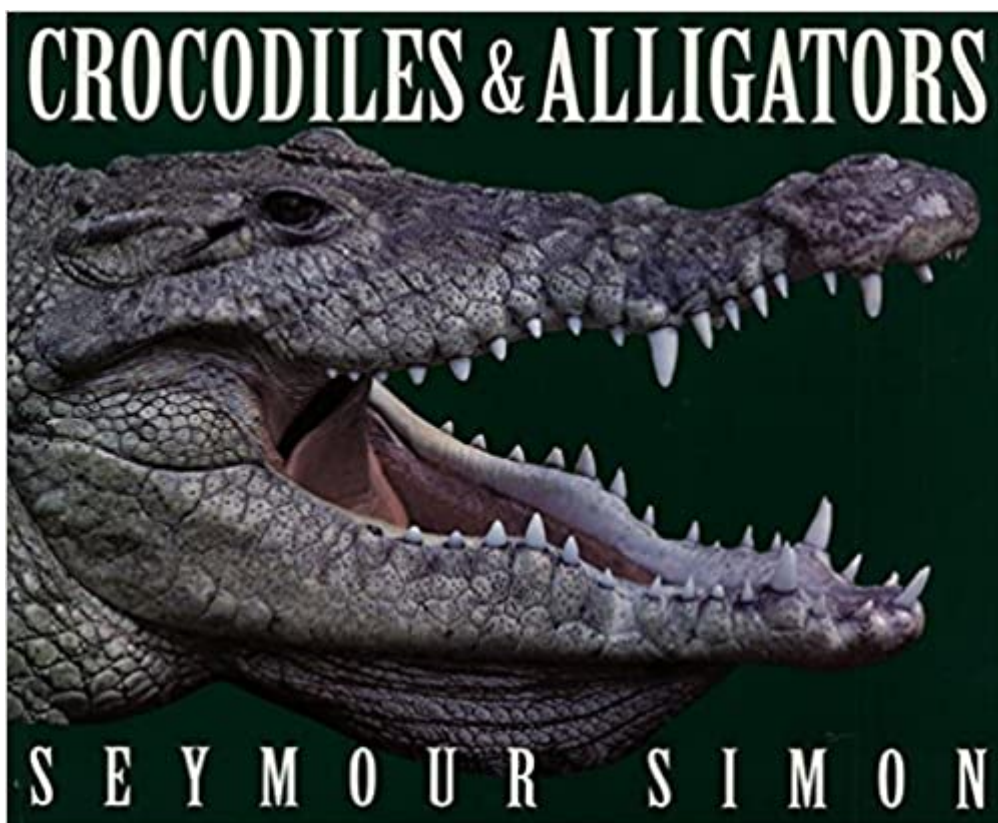


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# Crocodiles & Alligators



## Synopsis

Crocodiles and alligators may seem ferocious and scary, but renowned science author Seymour Simon confirms that they are also endlessly fascinating. Around since the time of dinosaurs, crocodiles and alligators eat without chewing, have three eyelids, and provide good living conditions for other animals. With the use of eighteen stunning full-colour photographs, Simon explores the wonders of these stealthy giants in an exciting up-close and personal way. Ages 8+

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 3-6  
Simon's lively text presents fascinating facts and ancient lore surrounding these intriguing animals. Readers will discover that crocodiles and alligators use their powerful tails to spin their bodies around in the water in order to rip apart their prey and will marvel at how a Nile crocodile will allow a small bird to walk through its mouth picking food from its teeth. Simon touches upon the crocodilians that lived alongside the dinosaurs and evolved into the reptiles that we know today. He also points out that despite the dangers that threaten their lives and habitats, crocodilians are making a slow comeback. Report writers may be disappointed by the absence of an index or indeed of any sort of subject division. However, the book is filled with interesting information, and the vivid, well-composed, full-color photographs and entertaining text will draw in browsers.  
Lisa Wu Stowe,  
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Gr. 3<sup>^</sup>-6, and younger for reading aloud. Beginning with the origin of the words crocodile, alligator, and gharial, this introduction to crocodilians then discusses their habitat and relationship to dinosaurs, explains the differences between alligators and crocodiles, and supplies the basic information on life expectancy, hunting techniques, food, reproduction, endangered status, land speed, and methods of locomotion. Simon's familiar elongated format is a perfect fit for these long bodies, with each opening featuring a full-page color photograph. The narrative refers to a few of the pictures, but captions would have clarified the others. Starting with the saw-toothed snout on the cover, the striking photos will attract kids visually, and Simon's casual but clear informative approach will invite them verbally. The lack of a table of contents and index makes this book better suited for browsing than for homework assignments, but children of many ages will snap it up. Linda Perkins --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Crocodiles & Alligators, by Seymour Simon is a good book with which to become familiar with, or to begin the study of crocodilians. Its straight-forward presentation, and information provides the reader with an overview of both animals, and how they may be distinguished from one another. Nice photographs of both animals, and easily read in one sitting. If a reader wants a more comprehensive book on crocodilians then I would recommend Crocodiles and Alligators, Charles Ross, Editor. The latter books is coffee table book size, contains a wealth of information on the world's crocodilians, and can be obtained Used for a fraction of its original cost.

My wife got this book for her classroom. She loves it. Quick and easy transaction

Simon by far has the BEST titles for informational text. Great text features in this title. Engaging for readers. Great comparing & contrasting between alligators & crocodiles. Lots of usage for stopping and jotting. Fantastic photographs.

Very nice book about alligators, good price

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