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Menagerie Manor Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20 The beloved naturalist and author of *My Family and Other Animals* shares the pleasures and pitfalls of opening a zoo on the English Channel Island of Jersey. Spurred by his passion for animals and a lifelong dream, in the spring of 1959 Gerald Durrell opened the Jersey Zoo—now known as the Durrell Wildlife Park—on the grounds of an old manor house. The menagerie provided a safe habitat for rare and endangered species and exposed its human visitors to the wonders of nature. Dealing with escapee animals and overdrawn bank accounts, Durrell soon discovered that owning and operating a fledgling zoo was no easy task. But despite the setbacks, these charming, often hilarious stories make clear that, for Durrell, ensuring the park's success and helping the creatures he loved so dearly was worth any obstacle. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Fauna and Family Gerald Durrell 2016-08-15 *Fauna and Family*, also known as *The Garden of the Gods*, is the third in Durrell's Corfu trilogy that begins with his beloved classic, *My Family and Other Animals* and continues with *Birds, Beasts and Relatives*. In his foreword to *Fauna and Family*, Durrell confessed that in the first two books, "I had left out a number of incidents and characters that I would have liked to have described, and I have attempted to repair this omission in this book . . . I hope that it might give the same pleasure to its readers as apparently its predecessors have done, as for me it portrays a very important part of my life . . . which is a truly happy and sunlit childhood."

The Mockery Bird Gerald Durrell 1981 Zenkali, a remote tropical island, is on the brink of independence when the Mockery Bird and Ombu tree, on which it feeds, both believed to be extinct, are discovered. This discovery revives long-forgotten tribal hatred between the Fangoua and the Ginka. As civil war threatens, the island is invaded by the British Military, the world press and the a fanatical group of conservationists. In a hilarious climax order is restored, but not without a dramatic discovery which it to preserve the island's peace and obscurity forever.

Whatever Happened to Margo? Margaret Durrell 2018-03-15 In 1947, returning to the UK with two young children to support, Margaret Durrell starts a boarding house in Bournemouth. But any hopes of respectability are dashed as the tenants reveal themselves to be a host of eccentrics: from a painter of nudes to a pair of glamorous young nurses whose late-night shifts combined with an ever-revolving roster of gentleman callers leading to a neighbourhood rumour that Margo is running a brothel. Margo's

own two sons, Gerry and Nicholas, prove to be every bit as mischievous as their famous Uncle Gerald - and he himself returns periodically with weird and wonderful animals, from marmosets to monkeys, that are quite unsuitable for life in a Bournemouth garden.

Birds, Beasts and Relatives Gerald Durrell 2016-10-11 The follow-up to *My Family and Other Animals* and the inspiration for *The Durrells in Corfu: A naturalist's memoir of his family's time on a Greek island*. In the years before World War II, Gerald Durrell's family left the gloomy shores of England for the sun-drenched island of Corfu. Against this picturesque backdrop, Durrell fondly recalls his family's disorderly household and outrageous antics, including their interactions with locals of both human and animal varieties. After a boyhood spent studying zoology and acquiring the island's exotic insects, reptiles, birds, mammals, and sea creatures as pets, Durrell's budding naturalism would later bloom into a passion for conservation that would last a lifetime. Filled with clever observations, amusing anecdotes, and childlike wonder, *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* is half nature guide, half coming-of-age tale, and all charmingly funny memoir. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

The Drunken Forest Gerald Durrell 2016-02-01 Gerald Durrell is among the best-selling authors in English. His adventurous spirit and his spontaneous gift for narrative and anecdote stand out in his accounts of expeditions in Africa and South America in search of rare animals. He divines the characters of these creatures with the same clear, humorous and unsentimental eyes with which he regards those chance human acquaintances whose conversation in remote places he often reproduces in all its devastating and garbled originality. To have maintained, for over fifteen years, such unflinching standards of entertainment can only be described as a triumph. The Argentine pampas and the little-known Chaco territory of Paraguay provide the setting for *The Drunken Forest*. With Durrell for interpreter, an orange armadillo or a horned toad, or a crab-eating raccoon suddenly discovers the ability not merely to set you laughing but also to endear itself to you. 'His sympathy with the animal world encourages the Disney in every creature to show itself' *Time And Tide*

James Herriot's Dog Stories James Herriot 1990-10-15 Tells the stories of fifty dogs and their unique relationships with their owners

The Whispering Land Gerald Durrell 2012 *Animals*.

Birds, Beasts and Relatives Gerald Durrell 2017-04-06 The follow up to *My Family and Other Animals* and the second book in *The Corfu Trilogy*, the beloved books that inspired ITV's television series *The Durrells*. Just before the Second World War the Durrell family decamped to the glorious, sun-soaked island of Corfu where the youngest of the four children, ten-year-old Gerald, discovered his passion for animals: toads and tortoises, bats and butterflies, scorpions and octopuses. Through glorious silver-green olive groves and across brilliant-white beaches Gerry pursued his obsession . . . causing hilarity and mayhem in his ever-tolerant family.

The Amateur Naturalist Gerald Durrell 1993 Everybody wants to do their bit to help the environment in the 1990s and this practical book should be of interest to anyone concerned about the natural world and how they can play a part - however small - in conserving nature. It includes information on identifying tracks, preserving a wildlife area, collecting shells, taking lichen scratchings, making a cast of a footprint and caring for wounded birds.

A Zoo in My Luggage Gerald Durrell 2016-11-29 A British naturalist and his wife acquire a menagerie of

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animals and set up their own zoo in this delightful memoir by the author of the Corfu Trilogy. For many years I had wanted to start a zoo. . . . Any reasonable person smitten with an ambition of this sort would have secured the zoo first and obtained the animals afterwards. But throughout my life I have rarely if ever achieved what I wanted by tackling it in a logical fashion. After a decade of supplying creatures for other people's zoos, in 1957 Gerald Durrell and his wife set off on an adventurous journey to the Cameroons in West Africa, where they collected numerous mammals, birds, and reptiles. The wild nature of the animals created quite a bit of chaos, but the Durrells' problems really began when they attempted to return to Britain with their exotic new friends. Not only did they have to get them safely home, they also had to find somewhere able and—more importantly—willing to house them. Told with wit and a zest for all things furry and feathered, Durrell's *A Zoo in My Luggage* is a brilliant account of how a pioneer of wildlife preservation came to found a new type of zoo. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Dog Rose Dirt Jen Williams 2022-01-20

Corfu Trilogy Gerald Durrell 2016-03-03

The Picnic and Suchlike Pandemonium Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20 Uproarious antics fill this genre-crossing collection of six stories from the beloved British naturalist and author of the Corfu Trilogy. The eccentric Durrell family sets off on an ill-fated excursion in "The Picnic" and embarks on a Greek cruise in "The Maiden Voyage." Next, things take a turn for the diabolical when a solo Durrell runs into a former flame in "The Public School Education"—and then finds trouble of a different sort in "The Havoc of Havelock." Finally, the typically jocular Durrell unexpectedly shifts to the macabre with the surprise cuisine of "The Michelin Man" and the spine-tingling horror of "The Entrance." With his knack for describing his often outlandish, always entertaining adventures, Gerald Durrell serves up an engrossing blend of genres in this intriguing collection of stories. Including both fiction and nonfiction, *The Picnic and Suchlike Pandemonium* reveals the wide-ranging talents of the famed naturalist and memoirist. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

The Garden of the Gods Gerald Durrell 2016-10-11 Part of the trilogy of memoirs that inspired the television show *The Durrells in Corfu: A naturalist's adventures with animals—and humans—on a Greek island*. When his family moved to a Greek island, young naturalist Gerald Durrell was able to indulge his passion for wildlife of all sorts as he discovered the new world around him—and the creatures and people who inhabited it. Indeed, Durrell's years growing up on Corfu would inspire the rest of his life. In addition to his tales of wild animals, Durrell recounts stories about his even wilder family—including his widowed mother, Louisa, and elder siblings Lawrence, Leslie, and Margo—with undeniable wit and humor. The final chapter in Durrell's reflections on his family's time in Greece before the start of World War II, *The Garden of the Gods* is a fascinating look at the childhood of a naturalist who was ahead of his time. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

An Otter on the Aga Rex Harper 2012-11-22 In *AN OTTER ON THE AGA*, Rex Harper brings to life the story of the incredible animal sanctuary that he and his family spent over forty years building. From small beginnings, the Harpers' haven became a magnet for an extraordinary array of animal waifs and strays and was designated the official RSPCA centre for Cornwall in the late 1970s, taking in more than 50,000 abused and abandoned creatures by the time Rex and his wife retired. In this tale he introduces us to the colourful cast of characters that have become his family - Patti the unlikely guard dog poodle, Odin the Machiavellian raven and One Eye the seemingly indestructible cat. He describes, too, the dark side of his work as an RSPCA warden, chronicling some of the inhuman cruelty he witnessed during his years at the

forefront of animal welfare in Cornwall. Inspiring and poignant, warm and witty, AN OTTER ON THE AGA is an evocation of life close to nature, a book that will touch - and sometimes break - the hearts of animal lovers everywhere.

The Ark's Anniversary Gerald Durrell 2017-02-21 The conservationist whose work inspired Masterpiece production *The Durrells in Corfu* recounts the early years of the Durrell Wildlife Park. At the age of six, Gerald Durrell confidently told his mother he would one day have his own zoo. She told him it was a lovely idea and promptly forgot all about it. But the young naturalist's passion wasn't about to fade away any time soon. Written for the Durrell Wildlife Park's twenty-fifth anniversary, *The Ark's Anniversary* is the unconventional story of how one man's dream was transformed into the esteemed organization known today as the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, dedicated to saving endangered species from extinction. In the beginning, everyone thought Durrell was crazy to place a zoo on the island of Jersey in the English Channel. But that didn't stop people from coming to see him and his menagerie of rare and exotic animals, including celebrities like Richard Adams, Princess Grace, David Niven (who presided over the wedding of two apes), and Princess Anne (who wrote the foreword to this book). *The Ark's Anniversary* is a delightful journey and a celebration of success for anyone who loves the natural world. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

The Greek Islands Lawrence Durrell 2011-12-15 Lose yourself in this dazzling travelogue of the idyllic Greek Islands by the king of travel writing and real-life family member of *The Durrells in Corfu*. 'Incandescent.' André Aciman 'Invades the reader's every sense ... Remarkable.' Victoria Hislop 'Nobody knows the Greek islands like Durrell.' *New York Times* White-washed houses drenched in pink bougainvillea; dazzling seascapes and rugged coastlines; colourful harbours in quaint fishing villages; shady olive and cypress groves; terraces bathed in the Aegean sun ... The Greek islands conjure up a treasure-chest of images - but nobody brings them to life as vividly as the legendary travel writer Lawrence Durrell. It was during his youth in Corfu - which his brother Gerald fictionalised in *My Family and Other Animals*, later filmed as *The Durrells In Corfu* - that his love affair with the Mediterranean began. Now, in this glorious tour of the Greek islands, he weaves evocative descriptions of these idyllic landscapes with insights into their ancient history, and shares luminous personal memories of his time in the local communities. No traveller to Greece or admirer of Durrell's magic should miss it. 'Masterly ... Casts a spell.' Jan Morris 'Our last great garlicky master of the vanishing Mediterranean.' Richard Holmes 'Like long letters from a civilized and very funny friend - the prose as luminous as the Mediterranean air he loves.' *Time*

My Family and Other Animals Gerald Durrell 1957 When the unconventional Durrell family can no longer endure the damp, gray English climate, they do what any sensible family would do: sell their house and relocate to the sunny Greek isle of Corfu. "*My Family and Other Animals*" was intended to embrace the natural history of the island but ended up as a delightful account of Durrells family's experiences, from the many eccentric hangers-on to the ceaseless procession of puppies, toads, scorpions, geckoes, ladybugs, glowworms, octopuses, bats, and butterflies into their home.

The Aye-Aye and I Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20 "First-rate entertainment": The author of the Corfu Trilogy recounts his expedition to Madagascar and search for the elusive, endangered aye-aye (Publishers Weekly). In 1990, Gerald Durrell; his wife, Lee; and a television crew embarked on a rescue mission to one of the most interesting places in the world: the island of Madagascar. It was there that they hoped to record and capture the endangered aye-aye, the world's largest nocturnal primate. Recognizable by its big eyes and long fingers, the strange, rare aye-aye was an animal of incredible fascination for Durrell,

one he felt compelled to conserve as its habitat was taken away by deforestation. In this passionate memoir, Durrell's funny, vibrant voice shines as he describes the magical landscape of Madagascar, the exotic animals that inhabit it, and the challenges of his expedition to preserve an important part of our ever-changing world. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

On Foot to Canterbury Ken Haigh 2021-10-05 Setting off on foot from Winchester, Ken Haigh hikes across southern England, retracing a traditional route that medieval pilgrims followed to the shrine of Saint Thomas Becket at Canterbury Cathedral. Walking in honour of his father, a staunch Anglican who passed away before they could begin their trip together, Haigh wonders: Is there a place in the modern secular world for pilgrimage? On his journey, he sorts through his own spiritual aimlessness, while crossing paths with writers like Trollope, Keats, Austen, Swift, Dickens, and, of course, Chaucer. *On Foot to Canterbury* is part travelogue, part memoir, part literary history, and all heart.

Marrying Off Mother and Other Stories Gerald Durrell 1992 A collection of short stories by a world-renowned naturalist and author of *My Family and Other Animals* introduces an eccentric cast of characters including a prize-truffling pig in France and an aging Memphis belle.

Three Singles to Adventure Gerald Durrell 2017-02-21 Journey to South America on a search for endangered species with the author of *My Family and Other Animals*. In 1950, Gerald Durrell set off for British Guiana (now Guyana) to collect native wildlife and bring it back to his Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust on the island of Jersey in the English Channel. On his journey, Durrell experienced all kinds of adventures: some amusing, some thrilling, and some extremely irritating. He traveled up the Essequibo River into the lush tropical forests and trekked across a landscape teeming with life and color. He encountered the sakiwinki monkey and the sloth with curiously green fur, heard the horrifying sounds of rampaging piranhas, and learned how to lasso a galloping anteater. He even met an ill-tempered anaconda and an overly affectionate bird. This remarkable memoir will take you into a wild place in another time, accompanied by the highly entertaining naturalist whose writings inspired popular Masterpiece series *The Durrells in Corfu*. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Last Days in Cleaver Square Patrick McGrath 2022-02-24 'Let there be no more of this clucking and wheedling. Oh Pa, are you sure? Or- Oh Francis, is this really a good idea? Let me be clear. I am always sure, and it is always a good idea.' An old man is sleeping fitfully. It's too hot. The air is thick with Spanish jasmine floating in from the garden. And he's not sure whether he'll be woken by General Franco sitting on the end of his bed. It's 1975 and Francis McNulty is nearing the end of his life, but feeling far from peaceful. A veteran of the Spanish Civil War, he is tormented by grief and guilt about a brief, terrible act of betrayal from that time. He's started seeing his old nemesis on the street, in the garden and now, in his bedroom. Neither he nor his daughter Gillian, who lives with him, know what to do. When Gillian announces her impending marriage to a senior civil servant, Francis realises that he must adapt to new circumstances - and that the time has come to confront his past once and for all.

The Corfu Trilogy Gerald Durrell 2016-11-29 National Bestseller: The complete trilogy that inspired Masterpiece production *The Durrells in Corfu* in one volume. The tales of a naturalist and his family, who left England for the Greek island of Corfu—where they interacted with fascinating locals of both human and animal varieties—these memoirs have become beloved bestsellers and inspired the delightful series that aired on PBS television. Included in this three-book collection are: *My Family and Other Animals*: Ten-year-old Gerald Durrell arrives on sun-drenched Corfu with this family and pursues his interest in natural

history, making friends with the island's fauna—from toads and tortoises to scorpions and geckos—while reveling in the joyous chaos of growing up in an unconventional household. *Birds, Beasts and Relatives*: Written after a boyhood spent studying zoology, this memoir is part nature guide, part coming-of-age tale, and all charmingly funny memoir. *The Garden of the Gods*: In the conclusion of the trilogy, Durrell shares more tales of wild animals and his even wilder family, including his mother, Louisa, and his siblings Lawrence, Leslie, and Margo, in the years before World War II. "[Durrell's] books have an unflinching charm. . . . It is a tribute to his skill that one never tires of his accounts" (Chicago Tribune). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Encounters with Animals Gerald Durrell 2012-09-06 'I once travelled back from Africa on a ship with an Irish captain who did not like animals. This was unfortunate, because most of my luggage consisted of about two hundred odd cages of assorted wildlife . . .' Gerald Durrell's accounts of the animals he encountered on his travels were some of the first widely shared descriptions of the world's most extraordinary animals. Moving from the West Coast of Africa to the northern tip of South America - and elsewhere - Durrell observes the courtships, wars and characters of a variety of creatures, from birds of paradise, to ants and anteaters, among others. Told with his trademark charm and humour, Gerald Durrell's *Encounters with Animals* is a uniquely entertaining exploration of some of the world's most striking landscapes and the wildlife it is home to.

My Family and Other Animals Gerald Durrell 2016-10-11 The inspiration for *The Durrells in Corfu*, a Masterpiece production on public television: A naturalist's account of his childhood on the exotic Greek island. When the Durrells could no longer endure the gray English climate, they did what any sensible family would do: sold their house and relocated to the sun-soaked island of Corfu. As they settled into their new home, hilarious mishaps ensued as a ten-year-old Gerald Durrell pursued his interest in natural history and explored the island's fauna. Soon, toads and tortoises, bats and butterflies—as well as scorpions, geckos, ladybugs, praying mantises, octopuses, pigeons, and gulls—became a common sight in the Durrell villa. Uproarious tales of the island's animals and Durrell's fond reflections on his family bring this delightful memoir to life. Capturing the joyous chaos of growing up in an unconventional household, *My Family and Other Animals* will transport you to a place you won't want to leave. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Amateurs In Eden Joanna Hodgkin 2012-02-09 Nancy Durrell was a woman famous for her silences. Anaïs Nin said 'I think often of Nancy's most eloquent silences, Nancy talking with her fingers, her hair, her cheeks, a wonderful gift. Music again.' As the first wife Lawrence Durrell, author of *The Alexandria Quartet*, it is perhaps surprising that she is an unknown entity, a constant presence in the biographies of Durrell and others in the Bloomsbury set, yet always a shadowy figure, beautiful and enigmatic. But who was the woman who was with Durrell during the most important years of his development as a writer? Joanna Hodgkin decides to retrace her mother's fascinating story: the escape from her toxic and mysterious family; the years in bohemian literary London and Paris in the 1930s; marriage to Durrell and their discovery of the 'Eden' of pre-war Corfu and her desperate struggle to survive in Palestine alone with a small child as the British Mandate collapsed. *Amateurs in Eden* is a fascinating biography of a literary marriage and of an unusual woman struggling to live an independent life.

Beasts in My Belfry Gerald Durrell 2016-02-01 "A loving chronicle of jitter-bugging gnus, singing duets with a bear, stealing eggs to feed the Arctic foxes, practising tiger sniffs . . . Highly entertaining and informative" *The Times* Over a year at Whipsnade Zoo we encounter a typically absurd cast - including Albert the lion, who's a dab hand at ventriloquism, and Teddy the brown bear, with whom the young Durrell sings duets. This is a charming account of Gerald Durrell's first job as a student keeper in

Whipsnade Park in 1945. With notebook and pen in hand, the eager young Durrell observes his co-workers and animal charges alike. Whether getting dirty mucking out the buffalo enclosure or attempting to cajole a jitter-bugging gnus into a transportation crate, life at the zoo is certainly never boring. PRAISE FOR GERALD DURRELL "A hilarious record that no Durrell fan will want to miss" Sunday Telegraph "Durrell manages to convey not only that he loves animals, but that he enjoys life too - and wants you to enjoy it with him" Daily Mirror

Dining with the Durrells David Shimwell 2020-03-05 'We lolled in the sea until it was time to return for tea, another of Mother's gastronomic triumphs. Tottering mounds of hot scones; crisp paper-thin biscuits; cakes like snowdrifts, oozing jam; cakes dark, rich and moist, crammed with fruit; brandy snaps brittle as coral and overflowing with honey. Conversation was almost at a standstill; all that could be heard was the gentle tinkle of cups, and the heartfelt sigh of some guest, accepting another slice of cake.' - My Family and Other Animals, Gerald Durrell In *Dining with the Durrells*, David Shimwell has delved into the Durrell family archives to uncover Louisa Durrell's original recipes for the scones, cakes, jams, tarts, sandwiches and more that are so deliciously described by the Durrell family. From her recipe for 'Gerry's Favourite Chicken Curry' to 'Dixie-Durrell Scones with Fig and Ginger Jam', and including the family stories and photos that accompany them, this book will transport you to long lunches enjoyed on the terrace of a strawberry-pink villa, sunshine-filled picnics among the Corfu olive groves and candlelit dinners overlooking the Ionian Sea.

Rosy Is My Relative Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20 "An 'almost true' tale" of a man's adventures inheriting an elephant, so "lovingly embellished . . . you'll almost wish that you had a Rosy in your family too"—from the author of the Corfu Trilogy (Kirkus Reviews). When his uncle passes away unexpectedly, young Adrian Rookwhistle's inheritance turns his humdrum life upside down. Instead of a manor house, Adrian has been bequeathed Rosy, an elephant whose predilection for fine spirits leads to high jinks far beyond the means of a shy English gentleman. Convinced that a circus will take the troublesome tusker off his hands, Adrian leads Rosy on a trek to the coast, setting in motion an uproarious adventure of mammoth proportions. Author Gerald Durrell promises that despite being embellished here and there, "nearly all the adventures in this book really happened." Ultimately, this tale of a pachyderm with a penchant for pandemonium guarantees pure entertainment. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

A Summer of Birds Danny Heitman 2008-04 As the summer of 1821 began, John James Audubon's ambition to create a comprehensive pictorial record of American birds was still largely a dream. Then, out of economic necessity, Audubon came to Oakley Plantation, a sprawling estate in Louisiana's West Feliciana Parish. Teeming with an abundance of birds, the woods of Oakley galvanized Audubon's sense of possibility for one of the most audacious undertakings in the annals of art. In *A Summer of Birds*, journalist and essayist Danny Heitman sorts through the facts and romance of Audubon's summer at Oakley, a season that clearly shaped the destiny of the world's most famous bird artist. Heitman draws from a rich variety of sources -- including Audubon's own extensive journals, more recent Audubon scholarship, and Robert Penn Warren's poetry -- to create a stimulating excursion across time, linking the historical man Audubon to the present-day civic and cultural icon. He considers the financial straits that led to Audubon's employment at Oakley as a private tutor to fifteen-year-old Eliza Pirrie, Audubon's family history, his flamboyance as a master of self-invention, his naturalist and artistic techniques, and the possible reasons for his dismissal. Illustrations include photographs of Oakley House -- now a state historic site -- Audubon's paintings from his Oakley period, and portraits of the Pirrie family members. A favorable combination of climate and geography made Oakley a birding haven, and Audubon completed or began at least twenty-three bird paintings -- among his finest work -- while staying there. *A Summer of*

Birds will inform and delight readers in its exploration of this eventful but unsung 1821 interlude, a fascinating chapter in the life of America's foremost bird artist. It is an indispensable pleasure for birders, Audubon enthusiasts, and visitors to Oakley House.

The Corfu Trilogy Gerald Durrell 2006-08-03 The Corfu Trilogy consists of the popular classic *My Family and Other Animals* and its delightful sequels, *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* and *The Garden of the Gods*. All three books are set on the enchanted island of Corfu in the 1930s, and tell the story of the eccentric English family who moved there. For Gerald, the budding zoologist, Corfu was a natural paradise, teeming with strange birds and beasts that he could collect, watch and care for. But life was not without its problems - his family often objected to his animal-collecting activities, especially when the beasts wound up in the villa or - even worse - the fridge. With hilarious yet endearing portraits of his family and their many unusual hangers-on, *The Corfu Trilogy* also captures the beginnings of the author's lifelong love of animals. Recounted with immense humour and charm, this wonderful account of Corfu's natural history reveals a rare, magical childhood. For the passionate zoologist, Corfu was a natural paradise, teeming with strange birds and beasts that he could collect, watch and care for. But life was not without its problems - Gerald's family often objected to his animal-collecting activities, especially when the beasts wound up in the family's villa or - even worse - the fridge. Gerald Durrell evokes his island paradise with passion and wonder.

Prospero's Cell Lawrence Durrell 2012-06-12 From a member of the real-life family portrayed in *The Durrells in Corfu*, this memoir of the idyllic Greek island is "among the best books ever written" (*The New York Times*). Before Lawrence Durrell became a renowned novelist, poet, and travel writer, he spent four youthful years on Corfu, an island jewel with beauty to match the long and fascinating history within its rocky shores. While his brother, Gerald, was collecting animals as a budding naturalist, Lawrence fished, drank, and lived with the natives in the years leading up to World War II, sheltered from the tumult that was engulfing Europe—until finally he could ignore the world no longer. Durrell left for Alexandria, to serve his country as a wartime diplomat, but never forgot the wonders of Corfu. In this "brilliant" journey through that idyllic time and place, Durrell returns to the land that made him so happy, blending his love of history with memories of his adventures there (*The Economist*). Like the blue Aegean, *Prospero's Cell* is deep and crystal clear, offering a perfect view straight to the heart of a nation.

Golden Bats and Pink Pigeons Gerald Durrell 2017-02-21 Travel to Mauritius on a quest to save endangered species with the British naturalist whose work inspired Masterpiece production *The Durrells in Corfu*. The green and mountainous island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean was once the home of the ill-fated dodo. The island saw many other animals vanish from its soil, and by the 1970s, numerous species were close to being eliminated. Enter Gerald Durrell. Durrell sets out on a search for bats and pink pigeons, climbing near-vertical rock faces to find Telfair's skinks and Gunther's geckos, and swimming about coral reefs with multicolored marine life. But rounding up a collection to take back with him to his animal sanctuary in the English Channel won't be easy: There are many dangers awaiting him. *Golden Bats and Pink Pigeons* is a delightful and inspiring adventure by the author of *My Family and Other Animals*, among other much-loved memoirs. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

The Bafut Beagles Gerald Durrell 2017-02-21 Travel to the wilds of Cameroon with the conservationist whose work inspired Masterpiece production *The Durrells in Corfu* on public television. In 1949, Gerald Durrell embarks with fellow zoologist Kenneth Smith on an expedition to collect rare animals in the British Cameroons in West Central Africa. There, he meets the Nero-like local ruler, the Fon of Bafut, who likes a man who can hold his liquor—will Durrell be able to get on his good side? In this unique memoir, set off

on a journey with the famed British naturalist's group of hunters and his pack of motley hunting dogs as they encounter an array of exotic creatures, including flying mice, booming squirrels, a frog with a mysterious coat of hair, and teacup-size monkeys; and witness the joys and problems of collecting, keeping, and transporting wild animals from Africa to England. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

The Durrells of Corfu Michael Haag 2017-04-20 The Durrell family are immortalised in Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals* and its ITV adaptation, *The Durrells*. But what of the real life Durrells? Why did they go to Corfu in the first place - and what happened to them after they left? The real story of the Durrells is as surprising and fascinating as anything in Gerry's books, and Michael Haag, with his first hand knowledge of the family, is the ideal narrator, drawing on diaries, letters and unpublished autobiographical fragments. *The Durrells of Corfu* describes the family's upbringing in India and the crisis that brought them to England and then Greece. It recalls the genuine characters they encountered on Corfu - Theodore the biologist, the taxi driver Spiro Halikiopoulos and the prisoner Kosti - as well as the visit of American writer Henry Miller. And Haag has unearthed the story of how the Durrells left Corfu, including Margo's and Larry's last-minute escapes before the War. An extended epilogue looks at the emergence of Larry as a world famous novelist, and Gerry as a naturalist and champion of endangered species, as well as the lives of the rest of the family, their friends and other animals. The book is illustrated with family photos from the Gerald Durrell Archive, many of them reproduced here for the first time.

The Overloaded Ark Gerald Durrell 2001-04-01 In his first and funniest book, Gerald Durrell describes an expedition to the Cameroons before independence.

Looking for the Durrells Melanie Hewitt 2021-08-03 Fiancés, friends, and other animals. . . After a year that sees a broken-off engagement and the death of her beloved father, Penny is desperate to get away. Fulfilling a childhood dream, she sets off on a month-long pilgrimage to Corfu--an island idyll she knows only through the pages of Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals*. On the island, Penny quickly finds herself drawn into the lives of a tight-knit circle of strangers. Exploring--searching for the places the Durrells knew decades before--she makes unexpected discoveries about the hopes, fears, and secrets of the people living there today. And as strangers start to be friends, lives past and present become entwined in ways none of them could have predicted. . .

"Dance First. Think Later" Kathryn Petras 2021-09-21 Timeless in their wisdom, thought-provoking in their message, surprising in their truth and memorable in their originality, the right words can give direction, inspiration, and sometimes a tangible boost onto the right path. For example, Steve Jobs once read "Stay hungry Stay foolish" on the back cover of *The Whole Earth Catalog*, and those four words came to guide his life. Created by Kathryn and Ross Petras, connoisseurs of quotes, whose books and calendars have over 56 million copies in print, "Dance First. Think Later." is a collection of the greatest life wisdom from an unexpected group of speakers, doers, and thinkers. There are 618 rules to live by—funny, sly, declarative, thoughtful, offhanded, clever, and always profound: "Watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you, because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places." —Roald Dahl "If everything is under control, you are going too slow." —Mario Andretti "Never make a credit decision on a beach."—Victor J. Boschini "Dance first. Think later. It's the natural order."—Samuel Beckett "The only time to eat diet food is while waiting for the steak to cook." —Julia Child "What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight; build it anyway." —Mother Teresa And: "Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken."—Oscar Wilde

