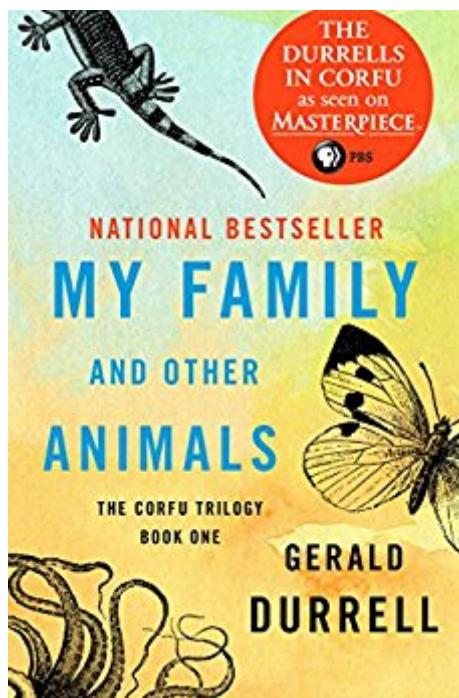


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Synopsis

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.

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Customer Reviews

While I wouldn't classify this as a great book, it is a very endearing book. I have read it many times and always enjoy it thoroughly. Years ago I read it out loud to my son and we would laugh so hard we could barely get through a chapter. My son is now 52! After these many years having given away many copies, I was delighted to be able to get it on my Kindle and read it once again. I find it has lost none of its enchantment over the years, in fact, because it is of a simpler time, it may be even more enjoyable. By getting to know the young Gerald Durrell and his unusual and charming family, it is easy to see how he became such an animal expert and conservator.

This was a wonderful book about a slightly eccentric English family that moves to a Greek Island. It is told by the youngest son. He is a naturalist, so much of the book is about the animals, bugs, and birds he encounters, as well as his family and neighbors. I don't usually like overly descriptive books, I prefer a little background and then get to the point. However, his descriptions are amazing and you can see what he is seeing. I can understand why many people were disappointed in the films based on the books, because I don't see how video could possibly capture the whole feeling of the book. I heartily recommend it.

I consider this to be one of the best books I have ever read. You might as well start by reading it aloud to someone you love because you are going to be reading them all of the funny parts anyhow. The descriptions of the island are so magical, I feel like I've been there. Not yet, but I hope someday. I can't tell you how many times I've read it, but I can tell you it never gets old. I'm happy to have it on my kindle now so I can dive in at any time. Oh yeah, besides all that, having a child naturalist as storyteller - very informative as well.

I was slightly disappointed in this book. Gerald Durrell's childhood on Corfu was indeed interesting, and I would have loved to have spent some time in his shoes. He is a great writer, and paints a fantastic picture of the island. But I also often found his description of the plants and animals quite tedious, to the point that I got bored. However, when he told the tales of the lunacy that happened to his family throughout their stay on Corfu, I was captivated. In the end I am really torn on how to review this book, Durrell's life was clearly dedicated to the study/conservation of animals, you can tell there is such joy in the lengthy descriptions of his escapades with animals as a child, and I truly respect the value and joy of nature he gifted us in this book. But I also wish he could have been a little more succinct with his descriptions of nature, and kept it breezy, much like he did with the tales

of his family.

A family member used to gift me with Durrell's books over the years. I grieve over the paperbacks, signed by him, that a former spouse insisted I jettison. If you enjoy animals and nature, and get a kick out of people who are mildly eccentric, you'll probably find yourselves giving this book a 5 star review also.

I read this because I really enjoyed the tv show on PBS. Pretty neat and makes me wish I could live in Corfu for a little while too.

This book is really four and a half stars and the only reason for not being 5 is it got bogged down in places but all in all, it was really enjoyable. Fans of the PBS series should like it immensely. Fun book from Gerry's perspective.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I had been to Corfu, but only briefly some years ago. I chose to read this book on my return trip to Greece after seeing an episode of "The Durrells of Corfu on PBS. I am writing this looking at the sunset on Mykonos.

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