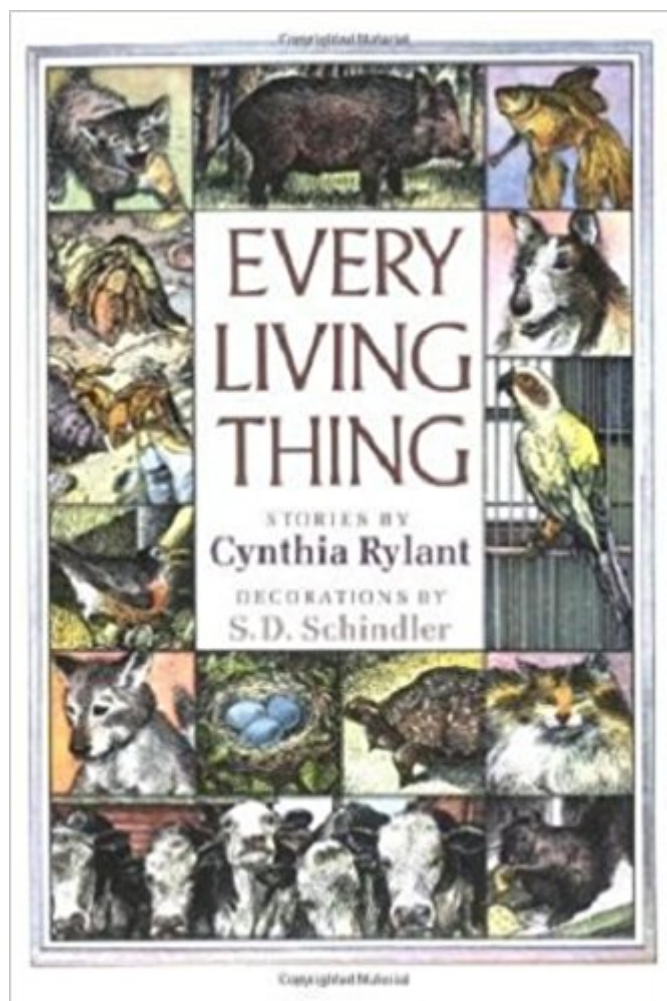


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# Every Living Thing



## Synopsis

Here are twelve deeply moving short stories from the perceptive pen of Cynthia Rylant. Each captures the moment when someone's life changes -- when an animal causes a human being to see things in a different way, and, perhaps, changes his life.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 14 years

Grade Level: 5 - 9

## Customer Reviews

With a deft hand, Rylant offers readers glimpses of the lives of 12 people, whose lives are altered by their contact with animals. Ages 10-up. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Cynthia Rylant is the author of more than 100 books for young people, including the beloved Henry and Mudge, Annie and Snowball, Brownie & Pearl, and Mr. Putter & Tabby series. Her novel *Missing May* received the Newbery Medal. She lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Visit her at [CynthiaRylant.com](http://CynthiaRylant.com). S. D. Schindler is the popular and versatile illustrator of many books for children, including *Big Pumpkin* and the ALA Notable Book *Don't Fidget a Feather*, both by Erica Silverman, *How Santa Got His Job* by Stephen Krensky, and *Johnny Appleseed* by Rosemary and Stephen Vincent Benét. He lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Cynthia Rylant's books are recommended by the book titled "Strategies That Work" for teaching comprehension skills. It worked for me!

lovely lovely book even for grownups.

I love Cynthia Rylant's writing and I was really glad I ordered this book. Lot's of amazing stories about the positive impact animals have in the lives of humans. I teach 4th and 5th grade gifted students and we did some great close reading with several of these stories.

Minus the typical clear, bright images of Ms. Rylant. Need to be able to get into the story...better for a 2nd grader +. Not for an early reader or not yet reading.

A perfect collection of the life-changing relationships between humans and every living thing. As a teacher, I use this book to show what great writers do.

Somehow I failed to realize that this is a little chapter book with the kind of cheap binding that is difficult to open all the way. The pages are printed on that dark recycled paper. The stories are nice, and my second graders like them, but I learned that I don't love Cynthia Rylant's voice as much when not paired with beautiful illustrations like I'm used to.

I have purchased this book three times for my classes, because it seems to never stay on the shelf for long. Each one of these stories shows how an animal can change a person's life. My favorite stories, in particular, are "Slower Than the Rest" and "Stray". Cynthia Rylant is able to weave a wonderful story about something as simple as encountering an animal, and having that animal change us for the better. They make a great read aloud, as well as silent reading.

I wasn't aware it was a book aimed mostly at upper elementary kids, but think the stories are good and that kids would enjoy them. I enjoyed them, but was well aware it wasn't written for an adult. Since I am an animal lover, I was pleasantly amused.

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