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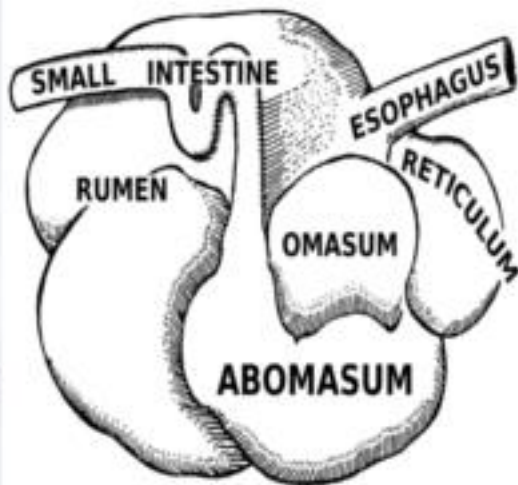
Wildebeests are also known in the world as Gnus.



Their cousins are sheep, goats,
cattle and antelopes.



These animals are known
as the cloven-hoofed
and ruminant animals.



Ruminants are mammals that are able to eat plant-based foods.



The Wildebeest is found in Africa.



The Blue Wildebeest is mostly found in east Africa.



The Black Wildebeest is mostly found in the south of Africa.



The Black Wildebeest is also known as the White-tailed Gnu.



Wildebeest like to keep company
with their Zebra friends.



Wildebeest Calves are born
between January and March
at the beginning of the wet season.



They grow inside their Mama for just over eight months.



Calves are very heavy when they are born – weighing up to 49 lbs or 22 kg.



It only takes a young calf a few minutes to learn to walk.



In just a few days they walk
alongside the herd with their
Mamas.



The young calf likes to drink from his Mama for up to nine months.



Between sixteen months and seven years, the young bull calf will have his own baby calves.



A Wildebeests' life span can be up to and around twenty years.



Both the Black and the Blue Wildebeest are similar to regular cattle with their horns and toes.



The Male Wildebeest is usually larger than the female wildebeest.



They are born with hair.



Their muzzles are broad.



They have white or black tails.



Their manes are shaggy.



Their noses have high bridges –
known as Roman noses.



The Wildebeest likes low hills and mountainous regions as well as grasslands and open plains.



Today, Wildebeests are not able to roam across large landscapes because of fencing and roads.



The Wildebeest's main enemies in the animal world are African wild dogs, cheetahs, hyenas and lions.



People all over the world like to come and see the Wildebeest in their natural habitat.



Because their skins are hard and dry, the Wildebeest provides us with great material for leather products.



We hope that you have learned something about the Wildebeest that you didn't know before.

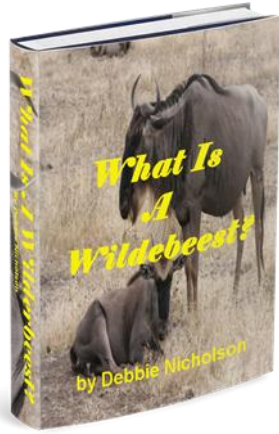
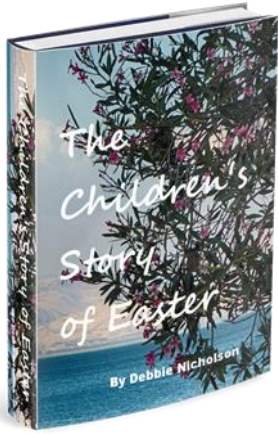


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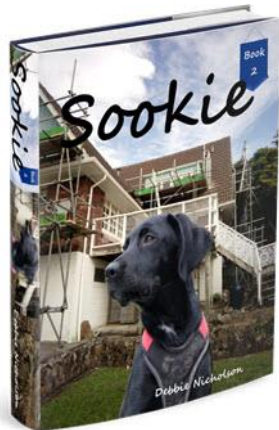
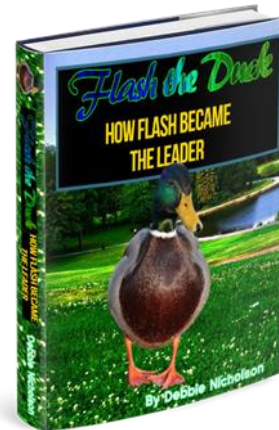
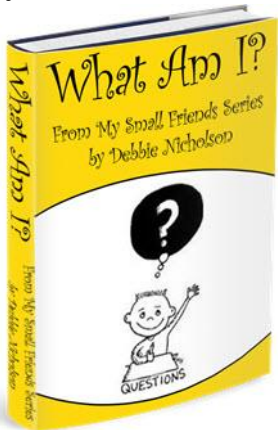


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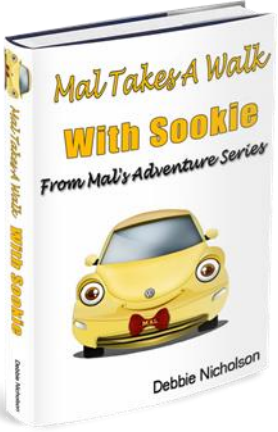
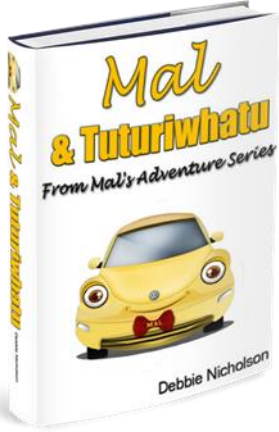
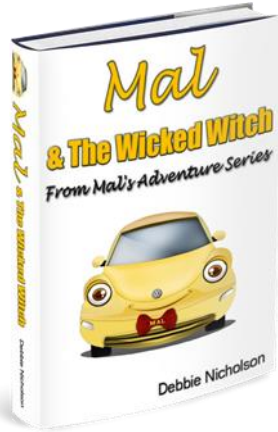
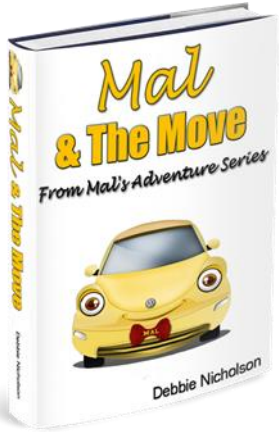


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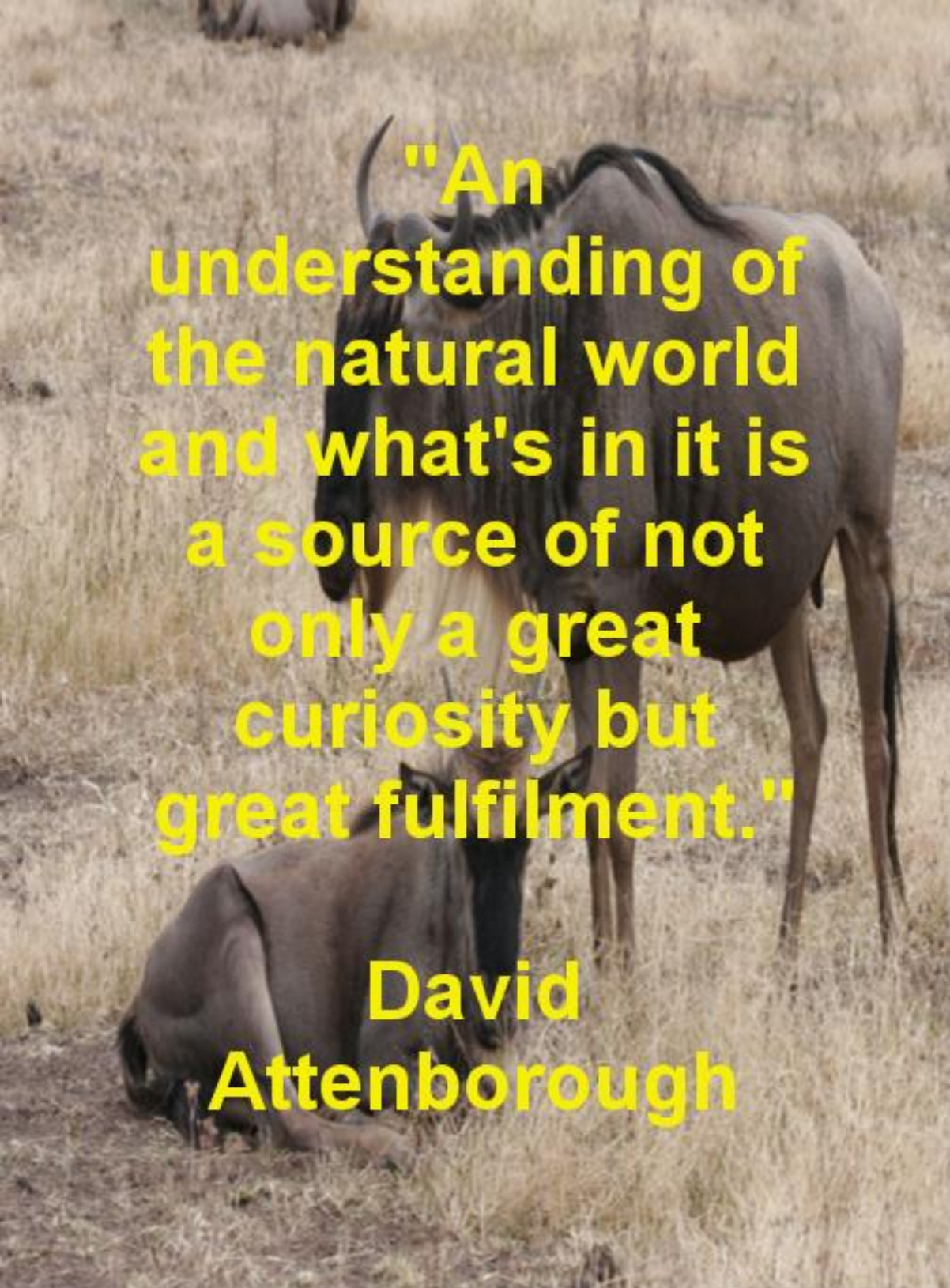
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David Attenborough