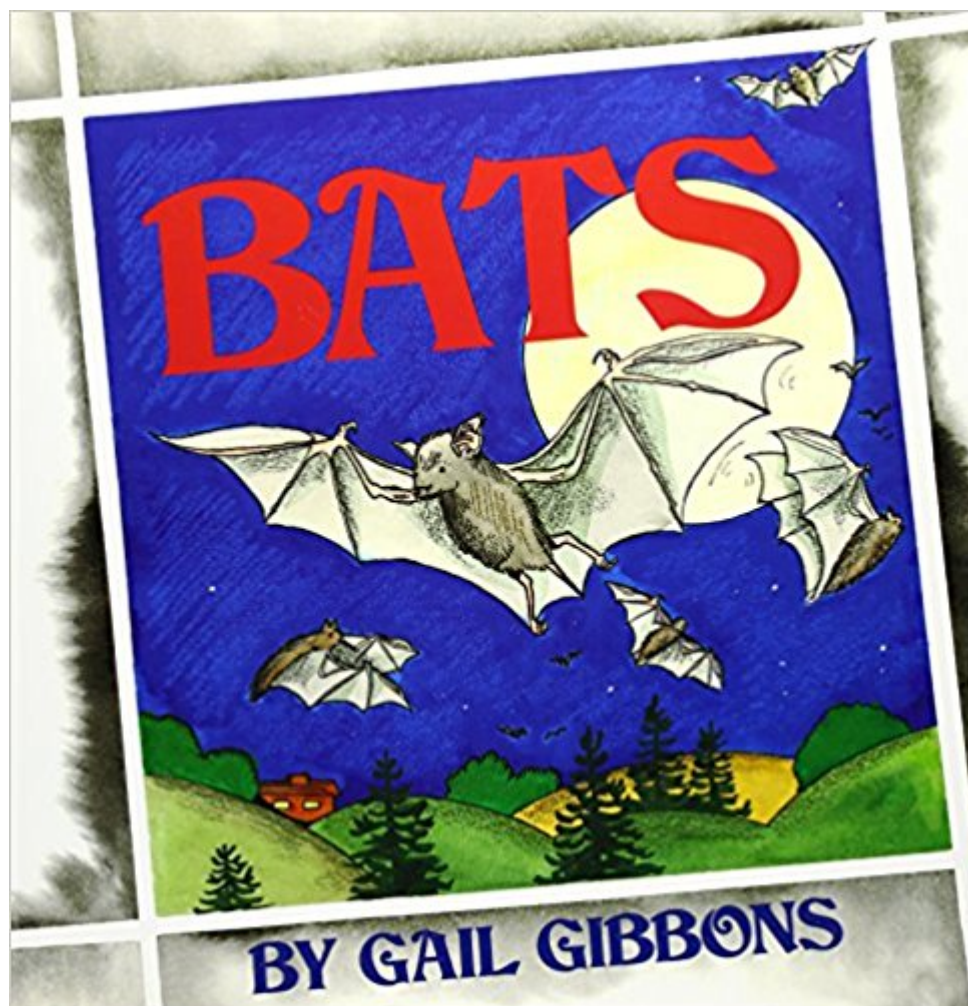


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# Bats



## Synopsis

Their amazing abilities and how they fit into the natural world.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3-A clever format and succinctly written text distinguish this offering by a prolific author. Gibbons describes bats' general physical characteristics, special traits of some half-dozen species, flying methods, use of echolocation, diet, natural habitats, hibernation, and the birth and development of young. She also discusses the decimation of bats around the world due to loss of habitats and pollution and the efforts to protect the world's only truly flying mammals. A final page offers additional miscellaneous facts. The text is clearly written and well organized. Scientific terms such as "nocturnal," "membrane," and "roosts" are clearly defined in context. Double borders enclose vivid paintings of bats in their natural habitats. While Ann Earle's *Zippering, Zapping, Zooming Bats* (HarperCollins, 1995) and Betsy Maestro's *Bats: Night Fliers* (Scholastic, 1994) cover similar ground, Gibbons's title makes an appealing addition to natural history sections. Karey Wehner, San Francisco Public Library Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Taking issue with the unkind and untrue things said about bats through the years, Gibbons presents children with a more favorable introduction to the species. The text clearly describes the many types

of bats as well as their physical characteristics, habits, and life cycle. Deep-toned illustrations dominate the pages, showing bats in action against midnight-blue or moonlit skies. The occasional splashes of color light up brilliantly against the dark backgrounds. Well suited for classroom use, this book makes a good case for bats as an admirable part of the natural world. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

My grand kids enjoyed it.

Great nonfiction!!

Gail Gibbons writes wonderful nonfiction animal books. She's informative and entertaining. I've learned to seek out her books when designing my science units (first grade). It's excellent for young bat lovers!

Love it. My little girl reads it to her imaginary class all the time.

One of my favorite books to read when teaching lessons on bats

This past halloween, my 4 yr. old was learning about bats at pre-school, so we went to the library and checked this book out. He was so disappointed when we returned it, that I had to buy it for him. My 7 yr.old son enjoyed it as well. This book balances accessible written information just right with detailed drawings of a wide variety of bats. If your pre-schooler to grade 3 child is interested in bats, this is a good buy.

Terrific for close reads in classes and informative text for reading groups or just for the animal lover in our lives. Lots of great facts with marvelous pictures.

Gail Gibbons is one of my favorite authors for children's factual books. Bats was amazing and a treat for the child I tutor!

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