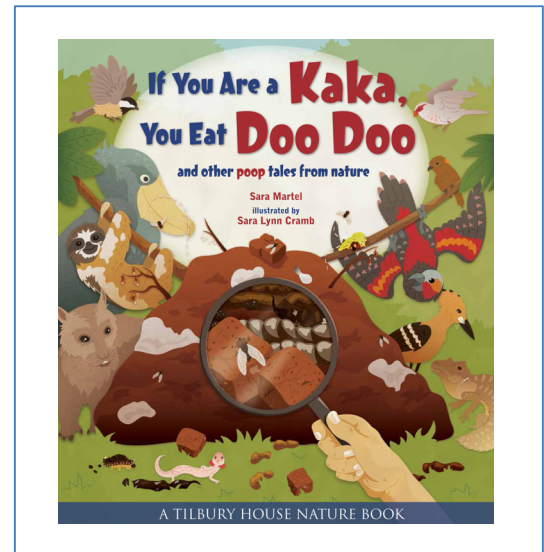


If You Are a **Kaka**, You Eat **Doo Doo** And Other **Poop** Tales from Nature

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Summary

Wombat poos are box-shaped to stay where they're deposited and serve as messages to other animals. Silver-spotted skipper caterpillars can shoot their poops 40 times their own body length to conceal their true locations. Baby hoopoes squirt their poops into the eyes of attackers—and who wants feces in their faces? Ever-inventive Nature finds a thousand uses for poop. Nothing goes to waste (!!).

This book will lead to discussions about

- Why do you think dogs like to roll in poop?
- What do/should humans do with our poop?

Before You Read

Background

What are some names we use for poop? (poo, kaka, doo doo, feces)
Do all animals poop? Why?

Access Prior Knowledge

- What is poop?
- Do you ever see poop outside? Inside?
- Does poop have a smell?
- Do humans recycle poop?

Explore More

Author's Favorite Resources

Learn more about wombats and some other cast characters here:

www.arkive.org

Listen to recordings of chickadee calls and more at Cornell Lab of Ornithology's website:

www.allaboutbirds.org

Explore resources about insects:

www.bugguide.net

www.antlionpit.com

www.thebugchicks.com

And about bats:

www.batcon.org

Learn more about Earth's endangered species, kakas included:

www.iucnredlist.org

Salamanders and other amphibians:

www.amphibiaweb.org

Become a citizen scientist to help monitor amphibians, one of Earth's most endangered animal groups: www.aza.org/frogwatch

Explore and share photos of your wildlife sightings at these sites for nature fans:

www.projectnoah.org

www.inaturalist.org

Do a web search for **wildlife tracking classes** to find one in your area. Skills taught include using poop discoveries to learn about wild animals' lives.

People making a difference for wildlife and the planet:

Watch the documentary "Return of the Hoopoe" online featuring Manfred Eckenfellner, nicknamed the Hoopoe Whisperer, who has helped bring hoopoes back to Austria.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G06qiyYtPyc>

Inspiring kids: do web searches on Sophi Bromenshenkel, shark champion; Milo Cress, starter of Be Straw Free; eco-hip hop artists/brothers Itzcuahtli and Xiuhtezcatl Martinez.