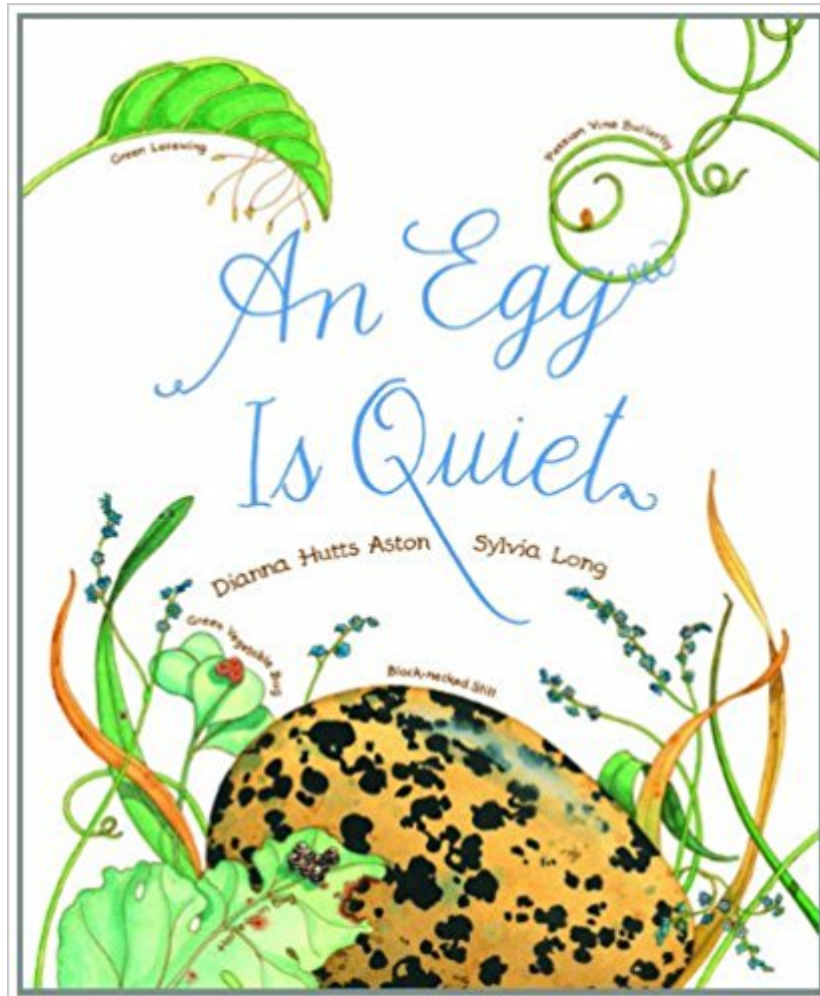




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Synopsis

This stunningly beautiful and wonderfully informative book from award-winning artist Sylvia Long and author Dianna Hutts Aston makes for a fascinating introduction to the vast and amazing world of eggs. Featuring poetic text and an elegant design, this acclaimed book teaches children countless interesting facts about eggs. Full of wit and charm, *An Egg Is Quiet* will at once spark the imagination and cultivate a love of science.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 — An exceptionally handsome book on eggs, from the delicate ova of the green lacewing to the rosy roe of the Atlantic salmon to the mammoth bulk of an ostrich egg. Aston's simple, readable text celebrates their marvelous diversity, commenting on size, shape, coloration, and where they might be found. The author occasionally attributes sensibilities to eggs (An egg is clever, for example). Still, her quiet descriptions of egg engineering and embryo development (no mention of mating) are on the mark, and are beautifully supported by Long's splendid watercolor depictions of a wide variety of eggs. (One teeny carp — Steller's jays are not spelled with an ar, though they are stellar performers when wheedling for your lunch at a campsite!) A beautiful guide to the unexpected panoply of the egg. — Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of

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PreS-Gr. 2. This beautifully illustrated introduction to eggs resembles pages drawn from a naturalist's diary. The text, scrolled out in elegant brown ink, works on two levels. Larger print makes simple observations that, read together, sound almost like poetry: "An egg is quiet. . . . An egg is colorful. An egg is shapely." On each spread, words in smaller print match up with illustrations to offer more facts about bird and fish eggs across the animal spectrum. The illustrations are too detailed for read-alouds, but there's a great deal here to engage children up close. The succinct text will draw young fact hounds, particularly fans of Steve Jenkins' *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* (1995) and his similar titles. Long's illustrations are elegant and simple, and the gallery of eggs, as brilliantly colored and polished as gems, will inspire kids to marvel at animals' variety and beauty. A spread showing X-ray views of young embryos growing into animal young makes this a good choice for reinforcing concepts about life cycles. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I liked this book for many reasons, it presented eggs in a way that i feel is approachable to little children and I liked that it included more than bird eggs. There was additional text to read with facts on same pages, but not every page so it did not feel overwhelming and allowed some pages to focus on the images themselves. I did have some minor issues with some of the scaling, but that is to be expected when trying to include ostrich eggs, hummingbird eggs, and insect eggs all in the same book. However, the main reason for the star deduction is that the cursive font (the main text for the book) was difficult for the children to read and they needed help. If the text had been better chosen, it would be a five star book. So far, this is my favorite book in the series.

Extremely well planned, designed and illustrated. Very artistic and educational. It's a great collection and would make a great gift. In this volume we learn about all kinds of eggs, their shapes, sizes, textures, origin...

So much in so few words. Such a gentle, beautiful way to introduce children to all the eggs in the natural world and to the idea that they too started as an egg. We volunteers at the zoo were looking for a themed presentation to encourage children to explore the world of the egg. We thought and thought and came up short, mainly because we were focusing only on bird eggs. This book does just that by taking the "egg" concept as a diversity of life example. For the older children, we can

use real eggs; for the young ones, we can use the book and its lovely illustrations.

I love this stunning book. Every child should be exposed to the gorgeous artwork. Read as much of the text as the child can understand or just peruse the colorful illustrations.

My 5 year old son loves this book. The illustrations are amazing and even look beautiful on the ipad screen. On each page there is a short sentence about an egg. In smaller text, there are more detailed descriptions about each aspect of an egg. So, one has the option of reading the single sentences or the more detailed descriptions for an interested child.

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Beautiful book. Just adding my high praise to all the others. This whole series is simply fabulous - some better than others. This one is my favorite. All are worth owning....unless you have a library nearby. :) Happy reading!

All of Dianna Hutts Aston's books in this series are wonderful. They are beautifully illustrated, well-written, and engaging, while being educational at the same time. I teach 6th grade but I use many of them to introduce science concepts.

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