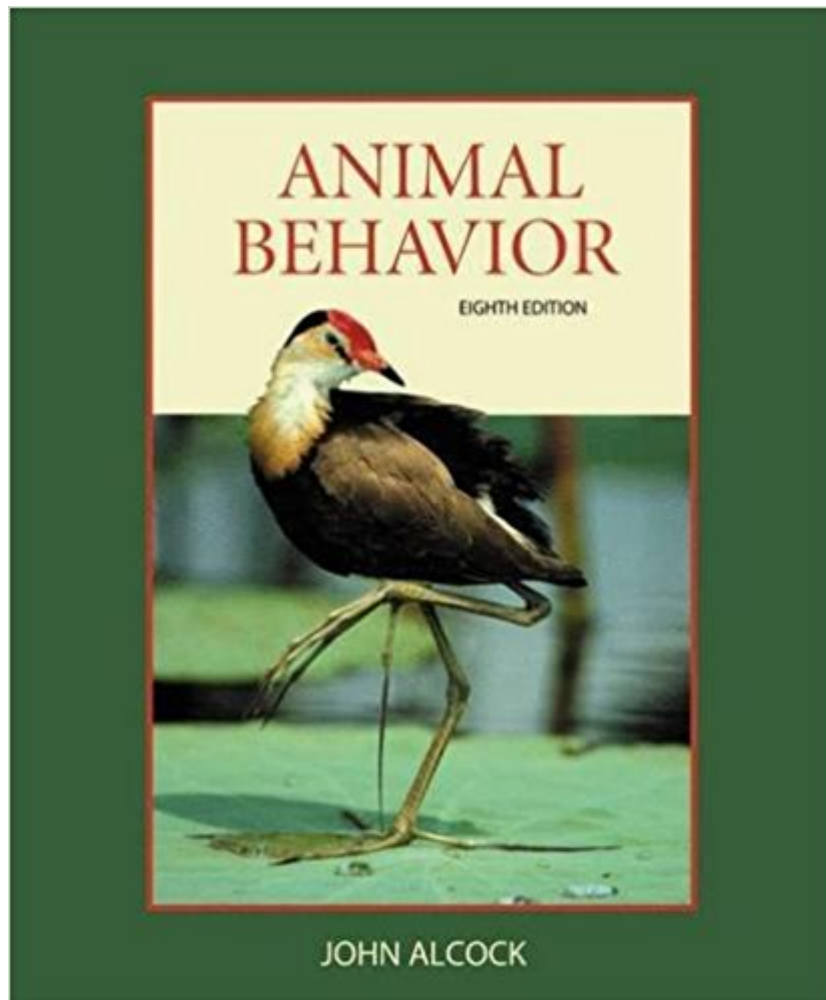




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# Animal Behavior: An Evolutionary Approach, 8th Edition



## Synopsis

This new edition of *Animal Behavior* maintains the organizational structure of previous editions, but has been completely rewritten with coverage of much recent work in animal behaviour, resulting in a thoroughly up-to-date text. Notable is the inclusion, for the first time, of discussion questions embedded in the text itself, rather than appended to the end of each chapter. This format is designed to encourage students to reflect on the material they have just digested while also making it easier for instructors to promote a problem-solving approach to the subject. Like previous editions, the book shows how evolutionary biologists analyze all aspects of behaviour. It is distinguished by its balanced treatment of both the underlying mechanisms and evolutionary causes of behaviour, and stresses the utility of evolutionary theory in unifying the different behavioural disciplines.

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## Customer Reviews

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Two stars for and the third-party rental store. Zero stars to the author and publisher of this textbook. We're already through four chapters in this text and WOW is all i can say. Although, the information is interesting and informative, the author is outright confusing and jumping from one topic to the next in the same paragraph. Who does that?! Whats more confusing, is there's never enough information to fully explain some of the behaviors being mentioned. But the author tries to

explain them despite making it difficult on the readers. Shame on you, Mr. Alcock! Publishing is not your area of expertise.

10th edition is reorganized from the 8th edition. Material content about the same. rented this one and purchased 8th edition cheap so i could highlight and make notes as I read. That's my recommendations.

This book takes a run-around approach to explaining even the most simplistic behaviors of mammals. If you were looking for a clear explanation to some of the most fascinating animal behaviors, you're better off looking at Wikipedia (YES I SAID WIKIPEDIA, LIBRARIANS!). One section in particular that explained bird song, was just example after example, providing no clear direction to the point of the discussion until the conclusion. We've complicated beings, but we ain't THAT complicated, John Alcock.

Excellent text book. Extremely important to anyone that study both animal and human behavior. There is a new version. Then, if you have money, go with the new version, but if not, this one is cheap and very actualized 2009. Ps. There is some people that don't like the writing stile of the author. He explain the concepts through several examples. If you don't like a lot of examples then maybe you should prefer other text books.

For it being such an old book, it was in fairly decent conditions. There was some wear and tear (a little more than advertised) but I expected it. The item unfortunately arrived a day after my first exam (bummer) but it is almost exactly the same as the current edition (9th). In fact, my professor insisted we get the older editions as he disagrees with a lot of the information in the newer editions. All I know is that several classmates paid at least 90 dollars for the 9th edition and i paid less than 5 for this incredibly similar edition. It IS missing a few things here and there but it is no problem for me as my professor provides supplementary powerpoints. Overall, it was a great investment and despite the MINIMAL wear and tear, I am very satisfied!

While I expected this book (and my course) to be a book of concepts and theories, they are actually filled with examples of field studies, lab studies, etc. This makes the book actually enjoyable to read, if you have any interest in animal behavior. The writer is an evolutionary biologist himself, and he makes this clear when he explicitly compares his opinions to other biologists' opinions. The images

of the author's thumb as a mating object by a bee were also amusing. Like another reviewer mentioned, this book is fun, and can -almost- be read for fun.

Amazing Book!, We read it for my Animal Behavior class and I thought it was just awesome!

A wonderful book to go along with my Animal Behavior class. not dry at all, makes the readings for class more fun than most college textbooks.

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