



About **SUPERMOMS!: Animal Heroes (Book 1)**

In comics-style panels full of facts and humor, this lively picture book illustrates the wondrous lengths animal mothers go to in caring for their young.

Heather Lang and Jamie Harper join their considerable forces to write about eighteen “supermoms” in the wild—Lang as the award-winning author of nonfiction picture books and Harper as the author/illustrator of many beloved picture books and board books. The clever cartoon format featuring Harper’s witty and humorous illustrations will make these resourceful mothers of the animal kingdom memorable to junior scientists and readers (young and old).

EARLY REVIEWS

This lively riff on superheroes, the first in a projected new series of science books, explores the mothering habits of 18 different animal species . . . For youngsters who like learning about the animal kingdom, this work offers a pleasing variety . . . For Mother’s Day or any day, an appealing take on animal factoids.

—Kirkus Reviews

Lang and Harper introduce animal mothers who go above and beyond in raising their progeny . . . Speech balloons permit these cheeky children and moms to remark about the scenes depicted, and formal text is kept minimal, allowing the colorful art and humorous commentary to take center stage . . . this will be popular with browsers and intriguing for primary science units.

—Booklist

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Jamie Harper

BIO: Jamie Harper is the creator of many books for children, including MILES TO GO and MILES TO THE FINISH, the BABY BUNDT board book series, and four books about the indomitable Miss Mingo and her kindergarten class of lovable animals. Among them is MISS MINGO AND THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, about which, in a starred review, *Publishers Weekly* said: “Young animal enthusiasts won't soon forget these unique students or Miss Mingo's enthusiastic celebration of their diversity.” Jamie is also the illustrator of two chapter book series by Sally Warner. She lives outside Boston with her husband and their French bulldog, Louie. Now that her children are all grown up, she plans on filling the house with dogs.

LOCATION: Wellesley, Massachusetts

PUBLISHERS: Candlewick Press, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, Viking Children's Books, Running Press

LATEST BOOK: SUPERMOMS!: *Animal Heroes, Book 1*. Co-written with Heather Lang, Illustrated by Jamie Harper. Published by Candlewick, March 2023.

NOTABLE HONORS:

- MISS MINGO AND THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, selected by Connecticut's Bridgeport Educational Fund for its FIRST DAY project. Three thousand copies printed, one for every first grader on the first day of school.
- Received starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, and awards from Junior Library Guild.

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Heather Lang

BIO: Heather Lang writes picture books that celebrate our natural world and biographies about women who overcame extraordinary obstacles to follow their dreams. Her award-winning books include *SWIMMING WITH SHARKS: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark* and *THE LEAF DETECTIVE: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest*, an NSTA/CBC Best STEM Book and Green Earth Book Award winner. To research her books, Heather has observed animals in the Serengeti, climbed to the treetops of the Amazon, and explored the depths of the ocean. You can read more about Heather's books and find lots of activities and resources for them at heatherlangbooks.com.

LOCATION: Lexington, Massachusetts

PUBLISHERS: Candlewick Press, Calkins Creek, Albert Whitman

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NOTABLE HONORS:

- NSTA/CBC Best STEM Book: *THE LEAF DETECTIVE: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest* (2022); *FEARLESS FLYER: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine* (2017)
- Green Earth Book Award Winner, 2022: *THE LEAF DETECTIVE: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest*
- John Burroughs Association Riverby Award, 2022: *THE LEAF DETECTIVE: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest*
- NCSS 2022 Septima Clark Book Award Honoree (Elementary Level): *THE LEAF DETECTIVE: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest*
- SCBWI Crystal Kite Award, 2017: *FEARLESS FLYER: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine*
- Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award Winner, 2013-2014: *QUEEN OF THE TRACK: Alice Coachman Olympic High-Jump Champion*

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