

Birds, Beasts, and Relatives

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Volume two in The Corfu Trilogy, now the inspiration for The Durrells in Corfu on PBS Masterpiece

Part coming-of-age autobiography and part nature guide, Gerald Durrell's dazzling sequel to *My Family and Other Animals* is based on his boyhood on Corfu, from 1933 to 1939. Originally published in 1969 but long out of print, *Birds, Beasts, and Relatives* is filled with charming observations, amusing anecdotes, boyhood memories, and childlike wonder. Gerald Durrell was born in Jamshedpur, India, in 1925. A student of zoology, he founded the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust on the Channel Island of Jersey. His other books include *A Zoo in My Luggage* and *The Whispering Land* (both available from Penguin). The Durrell family returns to the island of Corfu, continuing the story begun in *My Family and Other Animals*. Already an ardent naturalist at the age of 10, the young Gerald lives in an unconventional and disordered household with his mother, sister, and two brothers. Convivial and open, the family plays host to a constant stream of quirky guests. But for Gerald, the main attraction is the wildlife of Corfu.

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