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why have island ecosystems always suffered such high rates of extinction in our age with all the world's landscapes from tasmania to the amazon to yellowstone now being carved into island like fragments by human activity the implications of this question are more urgent than ever over the past eight years david quammen has followed the threads of island biogeography on a globe encircling journey of discovery

although everybody is familiar with the dodo bird very few people know its history yet this history is compelling when read as a fable of the negative impact of humans on earth's ecosystems the author describes the complexity of the factors involved in animal extinction although we think of ourselves as more ecologically aware than our ancestors we are propelling extinction to alarming rates

the story of the dodo is a classic of evolution and extinction equal in fascination to that of the dinosaur or the saber toothed tiger unlike these however the dodo was the first recorded example of an extinction that was in all probability entirely caused by humans humankind coexisted with the dodo between 1598 and 1681 and then the dodo was gone hunted to extinction unable to escape the new predators that arrived in ships on the isolated island later known as mauritius the giant pigeon for this was what the dodo was evolved from ancestors that had populated the island millions of years before in the pleistocene period when mauritius was far adrift of where it lies today the pigeons colonized an island paradise abundant with food free of any terrestrial mammalian predators over millions of years they lost their instinct for danger they also lost the ability to fly and grew bulky with sturdy running legs for the 17th century sailors who arrived and settled on the island they were easy to kill and as tasty as the turtles the sailors also caught and ate the sailors introduced domestic animals and rat as well competitors for the dodos habitat so much about the dodo is unknown and

will never be known and yet the dodo engenders much speculation the dodo extinction in paradiseexplores the science and the mythology the history archaeology and legend as well as the dodo s place in art and literature

includes pictures includes excerpts of contemporary accounts about the dodo includes a bibliography for further reading the dodo never had a chance he seems to have been invented for the sole purpose of becoming extinct and that was all he was good for willy cuppy 19th century american humorist and literary critic at one point or another just about everyone has heard of the dodo bird which is almost universally described as a cuddly whimsical creature renowned for its alleged stupidity this prehistoric avian had been known for hundreds of years before it was made popular around the world in lewis carroll s 1865 classic alice s adventures in wonderland the character the dodo satirized the author himself according to pop culture lore carroll whose real name was charles lutwidge dodgson regarded the dodo as his spirit animal due to his alleged stutter which led to him often presenting himself as do do dodgson carroll was also a frequent patron of the oxford museum of natural history which served as a fount of inspiration for his memorable anthropomorphic characters the 1951 disney animation alice in wonderland breathed new life into carroll s dodo portrayed as a plump peach faced creature with a bulbous pink beak clad in a purple waistcoat a powdered wig and a pipe dangling out of his beak like its real life counterparts the dodo was depicted as a flightless bird who crossed paths with alice bobbing along inside of a bottle upon the open sea owing to its inability to fly the dodo uses an upside down toucan as his boat and the dodo is being maneuvered by a green hawk furiously flapping its wings serving as the boat s propeller the dimwitted carefree dodo also made various appearances in film and tv shows over the years such as yoyo dodo in the 1938 black and white animation porky in wackyland the short lived stop motion animated series rocky and the dodos and the 2002 animated film ice age which depicts the dodos as a silly clumsy troop of birds who fail to guard three small watermelons indeed the dodo s presence in literature picture books music video games and general pop culture has been so prevalent that it has secured its own entry on tv tropes where it is infamously immortalized as the dumb dodo this only scratches the surface of the string of misconceptions that has plagued the delightfully peculiar bird for centuries along with its stereotypical depictions in literature film and other mediums of pop culture a number of idioms playing on the bird s alleged idiocy as well as the supposed role it played in its own extinction have become irreversibly cemented in the english lexicon dodo and the even less tactful dumb dodo are slang terms directed at dense individuals an explicit reference to the bird s sluggish reflexes and supposedly pint sized brain one may have also come across a business venture or a fad that has gone the way of the dodo or is as dead as a dodo meaning that the venture has become defunct obsolete or a thing of the past most likely due to reckless and half baked business practices the phrase deaf to reality like a dodo has also been thrown around quite frequently in recent years used to describe individuals who are overly trusting and blissfully ignorant of unpalatable facts and ugly truths but were the dodo birds truly as simple minded as they are often portrayed and what were the actual factors behind the zany avian s extinction the dodo the history and legacy of the extinct flightless bird looks at the origins of the bird human contact with it and how the species went extinct along with pictures depicting important people places and events you will learn about the dodo like never before

this account of two extinct bird species offers an amazing amount of history references facts maps and illustrations library journal the dodo and the solitaire is the most comprehensive book to date about these two famously extinct birds it contains all the known contemporary accounts and illustrations of the dodo and solitaire covering their history after extinction and discussing their ecology classification phylogenetic placement and evolution both birds were large and flightless and lived on inhabited islands some five hundred miles east of madagascar the first recorded descriptions of the dodo were provided by dutch sailors who encountered them in 1598 and within a century the dodo was extinct so quickly did the bird disappear that there is insufficient evidence to form an entirely accurate picture of its appearance and ecology and the absence has led to much speculation this extraordinary book pieces together the story of these two lost species from the fragments that have been left behind an up to date and comprehensive review of everything we know about the dodo and solitaire journal of vertebrate paleontology

corlie roux s farm life in south africa is not easy the transvaal is beautiful but it is also a harsh place where the heat can be so intense that the very raindrops sizzle when her beloved father dies she is left with a mother who is as devoted to her sons as she is cruel to her daughter despite this corlie finds solace in her friend siphos and in africa itself and in the stories she conjures for her brothers but corlie s world is about to vanish the british are invading and driving boer families like hers from their farms some escape into the bush to fight the enemy the unlucky ones are rounded up and sent to internment camps will corlie s resilience and devotion to her country sustain her through the suffering and squalor she finds in the camp at kroonstad that may depend on a soldier from faraway canada

and on inner resources corlie never dreamed she had

describes the physical characteristics and habits of the extinct dodo a large flightless bird that lived on the islands of mauritius and reunion in the indian ocean

everyone has heard of the dodo bird that strange creature that would waddle up to hungry sailors only to be eaten for dinner dodo birds have often been looked at as stupid animals that were too dumb to survive but the more we find out about this bird the more we find out that they might not have been so dumb after all here are some things we have found out about them what color were their beaks where did dodo birds live did they like the forest the grasses or the beach how old is the dodo bird why did the dodo bird eat so much when the sailors fed it how long did it take man to kill off the dodo bird after it was discovered find out more about the dodo bird and amaze your family and friends with these fun facts learningisland com believes in the value of children practicing reading for 15 minutes every day our 15 minute books give children lots of fun exciting choices to read from classic stories to mysteries to books of knowledge many books are appropriate for hi lo readers open the world of reading to a child by having them read for 15 minutes a day

the mascarene islands in the southern indian ocean mauritius r[?] union and rodrigues were once home to an extraordinary range of birds and reptiles evolving on these isolated volcanic islands in the absence of mammalian predators or competitors the land was dominated by giant tortoises parrots skinks and geckos burrowing boas flightless rails herons and of course in mauritius the dodo uninhabited and only discovered in the 1500s colonisation by european settlers in the 1600s led to dramatic changes in the ecology of the islands the birds and tortoises were slaughtered indiscriminately while introduced rats cats pigs and monkeys destroyed their eggs the once extensive forests logged and invasive introduced plants from all over the tropics devastated the ecosystem the now familiar icon of extinction the dodo was gone from mauritius within 50 years of human settlement and over the next 150 years many of the mascarenes other native vertebrates followed suit the product of over 30 years research by anthony cheke lost land of the dodo provides a comprehensive yet hugely enjoyable account of the story of the islands changing ecology interspersed with human stories the islands biogeographical anomalies and much else many french publications old and new especially for r[?] union are discussed and referenced in english for the first time the book is richly illustrated with maps and contemporary illustrations of the animals and their environment many of which have rarely been reprinted before illustrated box texts look in detail at each extinct vertebrate species while julian hume s superb colour plates bring many of the extinct birds to life lost land of the dodo provides the definitive account of this tragic yet remarkable fauna and is a must read for anyone interested in islands their ecology and the history of our relationship with the world around us

well versed in natural history particularly geology and ornithology hugh edwin strickland 1811 53 became fascinated by the dodo and mankind s influence on its extinction seeking to investigate this flightless bird and other extinct species from islands in the indian ocean he invited the comparative anatomist alexander gordon melville 1819 1901 to help him separate myth from reality divided into two sections this 1848 monograph begins with strickland s evaluation of the evidence including historical reports as well as paintings and sketches many of which are reproduced melville then analyses the osteology of the dodo and rodrigues solitaire describing his findings from dissections of the few available specimens and making comparisons with similar species a seminal work it correctly concluded that the dodo was more closely related to pigeons than vultures and the book also inspired others to take up the search for new fossil evidence

compulsively readable a masterpiece maybe the masterpiece of science journalism bill mckibben audubon a brilliant stirring work breathtaking in its scope and far reaching in its message the song of the dodo is a crucial book in precarious times through personal observation scientific theory and history david quammen examines the mysteries of evolution and extinction and radically alters our understanding of the natural world and our place within it in this landmark of science writing we learn how the isolation of islands makes them natural laboratories of evolutionary extravagance as seen in the dragons of komodo the elephant birds of madagascar the giant tortoises of the galapagos but the dark message of island studies is that isolated ecosystems whether natural or human made are also hotbeds of extinction and as the world s landscapes from tasmania to the amazon to yellowstone are carved into pieces by human activity the implications of this knowledge are more urgent than ever an unforgettable scientific adventure a fascinating account of an

eight year journey of discovery and a wake up call for our time david quammen's the song of the dodo is an exquisitely written book that takes the reader on a globe circling tour of wild places and extraordinary ideas

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set sail to a deserted island where every animal thought to be extinct now lives in book 1 of far fetched island dusty the dodo bird finds himself in a rather high spot driven by the need to fit in with the other birds dusty tries his luck at flying with a contraption he cleverly built when the flight attempt gets snagged in a tree dusty receives a helping wing in the form of a giant teratorn who educates dusty about his dodo ancestors who were the builders and fixers for the island charmed by this discovery dusty wishes to learn more about the dodos who walked before him if only he could free himself from the darn tree with his enormous wingspan overshadowing the dodo the teratorn answers the call by giving dusty the flight of his life beautifully illustrated in 32 pages this book introduces two extinct birds as they start an unlikely friendship exploring themes of stereotyping bullying and determination this story sets a dodo bird out to discover the island's wonderful animals by leaving a home that cannot contain his high flying ambition

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the earth is 4.5 billion years old in that time animals have come and gone that's nature but sometimes people have played a role in an animal's early disappearance deforestation overhunting and other human actions led to the dodo bird dying out what can humans do to keep that from happening again this book explores how people contributed to the extinction of the dodo and what we are doing to save its endangered cousin the kiwi

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