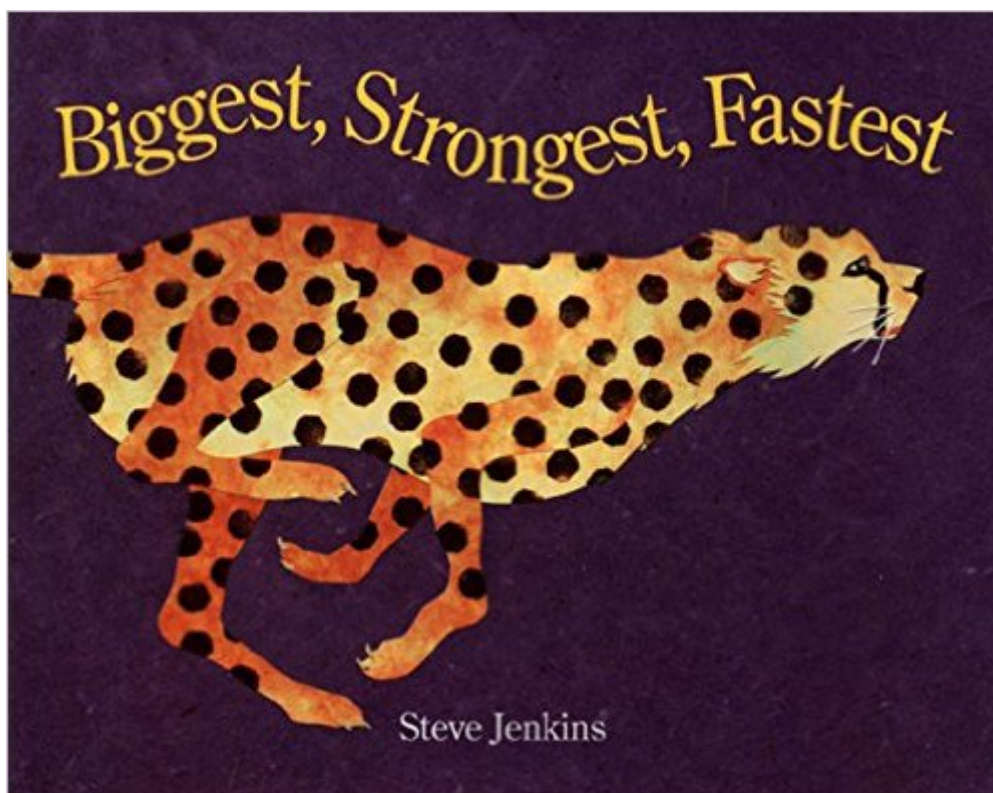


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# Biggest, Strongest, Fastest



## Synopsis

The biggest snake, the anaconda, can swallow a deer or goat whole. The smallest mammal, the Etruscan shrew, could easily sleep in a teaspoon. In a striking full-color collage, each spread of *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* portrays an animal that stands out in the animal world as the largest, slowest, longest lived. Readers can see the animal's size in relation to something familiar, and a chart on the last page indicates the size, weight, and diet of each animal, as well as where it can be found in the wild. *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* is an entertaining, informative introduction to the "world records" held by fourteen members of the animal kingdom.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

Ever since I discovered Steve Jenkins, I've been seeking out each and every one of his books. I love his illustration style, and his books lay the groundwork for a love of science and an interest in the wonders of the world. This book nicely complements *Animal Dads*, *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This*, and *What Do You Do When Something Wants To Eat You*. All of these titles illustrate biological variation, adaptation, and the relationship between form and function. Yet the illustrations are bold and uncluttered and the text is short and easy to read aloud. Like his other books, *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* features the main text in a large font with additional information (2 or 3 sentences) in a smaller font. You can decide to read more about an animal depending on your

child's interest level. What I really like about this book is that it also takes advantage of children's natural fascination with superlatives. You don't just read about any snake, you learn about the biggest snake (the anaconda). Every new animal illustration is accompanied by a smaller picture showing the relative sizes of the animal and a human. Preschoolers and kindergarteners absorb new information and facts like a sponge, so don't be surprised if your child starts to recite information from the book when you visit the zoo. Whether you simply want to celebrate diversity in animal life or you want to lay a foundation for discussing evolution when a child is older, this book is a great choice for young children.

I love Steve Jenkins' books/illustrations, and have collected every one of his books and often give them as gifts. Unfortunately, I feel this one isn't as stunning of some of his more recent work. The colors aren't as vibrant, the illustrations aren't as complex, and the concept isn't as creative. I'd go with some of the newer work: *Never Smile at a Monkey*, *Top of the World...*, *Actual Size*, *My First Day*, or my personal favorite: *What Do You Do With A Tail Like This?* That being said, it should be noted that *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* was published more than a decade before many of the ones I listed, which means that unlike many authors/illustrators who create 2nd rate knockoffs of their successful books, Steve Jenkins is constantly improving...both in illustrative quality and in story creativity. Some of his more recent work deserves 5/5 stars, if not 6, because he accomplishes not only the most incredible/unique illustrations, but comes up with such fun and creative story lines...allowing children to interact with the books.

My daughters (ages 4 and 7) really enjoy being read to, and this is one book that we own that I actually enjoy reading to them. I like this book because it has not only taught my girls some facts about the animal kingdom, but I have learned as well. We really enjoy learning about the diverse animals found around the world, and Jenkins' book has led us to learning more about these animals on YouTube. My girls always want me to quiz them about the animals found in this book. Simple one-sentence facts are provided of each animal, and additional facts that are more detailed are provided in smaller font. The bright cut-paper collages of the animals are eye-catching, and I really like the helpful chart at the back of the book. All 14 animals are listed, and information concerning the size, diet, location and uniqueness of each animal is provided. This was a great Christmas gift from grandpa and grandma.

My 5-year old son never gets tired of reading this book! Great details and context provided, so that a

young child can grasp just how big, fast, strong, etc., these animals are.

in both its words and its images, this Steve Jenkins book for youngsters is charming, informative & ” engaging.a fine book for you to read to them, and then for them to pick up for themselves.my granddaughters applaud and holler for more!

I absolutely love Steve Jenkins books. They are an excellent way to introduce non-fiction to young readers. Many young children are reluctant to read non-fiction because of the lack of entertainment in them. However, this book uses amazing artwork and intriguing facts about animals. The side illustrations that show comparisons to people are also wonderful because the students can make the connections. This is a must-have book!

The artwork in this well made paperback book is exceptional. Each page explains the strength of the animal, providing facts about each of the Biggest, Strongest, Fastest! Although I sent it to a relative for her grandchildren, I may order another copy for me to re-read! Check it out and savor it! Kudos to for offering this book!Kathleen

I love this book and so does my daughter. She learns alot and has fun. I highly recommend this book to anyone. Seller shipped very quickly.

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