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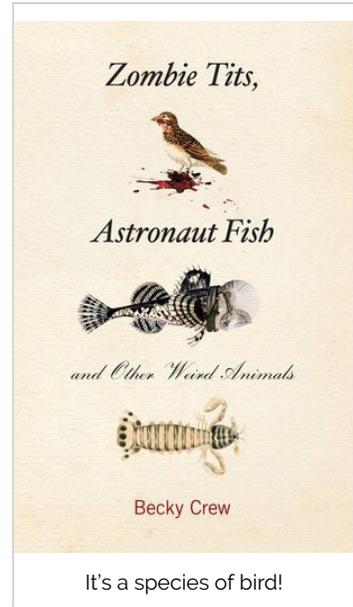
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With its eye-catching title, *Zombie Tits, Astronaut Fish, and Other Weird Animals* by Australian blogger Becky Crew caught my attention during my trip to Australia last year. A life-long bookworm, I found myself browsing through the shelves of the Parramatta Library within moments of landing on the island continent. Perched upon the top shelf of the non-fiction section sat Crew's book, complete with a brain-eating bird on its cover. Flipping through the pages, it was clear the author had a talent for drawing readers in, with chapter titles such as "The Sock-Loving Vampire Spider" and "Poison-Blood-Spitting Eyes." With a travel-filled schedule prevailing my first few months, it wasn't until I returned home to Canada that I had a proper one-on-one with the book. Digging deeper, one thing was clear: Internet clickbait had met its match.

Crew's experience as a science blogger showed in her writing; her quick-witted humour pervaded through her words while remaining attentive to not speaking down to the reader. Her hilarious, anthropomorphized, side-notes turned these stories into more than just a highlights reel of the weird wonders of the animal kingdom and captured her unique take to the art of scientific storytelling.

My only criticism was that it was difficult finding this book outside of Australia. Thankfully my local library had a global partnership through its inter-library loan system and, two weeks after placing an order, a copy from the University of Melbourne arrived for my perusal.

Becky Crew has solidified her voice as an author with *Zombie Tits, Astronaut Fish, and Other Weird Animals*. Filled with a trove of information that one could not find through decades of Google searching, this book will comfortably fit the needs of anyone interested in the oddities of the animal kingdom.



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