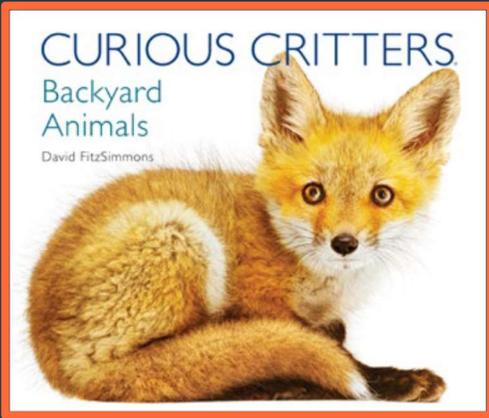


Feature Presentation

Curious Critters! – Connecting Children & Families with Nature through Photography and Reading

by David FitzSimmons



Join David FitzSimmons for a fun-filled presentation of beautiful and bizarre Curious Critters. After a short background on David's mesmerizing animal portraiture series, the photographer, author, and naturalist will talk about his 20+ children's books, including "Curious Critters Ohio," as well as his newest books, "Curious Critters Backyard Animals," "Curious Critters Raptors," and "Curious Critters Dogs." David will talk about the techniques and philosophy behind photographing critters against white backgrounds. Hear stories of animal antics and enjoy behind-the-scenes looks at book production.

About the Speaker

David FitzSimmons, an award-winning free-lancer, photographs and writes for various magazines, including *Outdoor Photographer*, *Popular Photography*, *Professional Photographer*, and *Shutterbug*. David's 100+ calendar credits include numerous titles by BrownTrout, Barnes & Noble, and TF Publishing. David's publications include *Curious Critters*, *Curious Critters Volume Two*, *Curious Critters Marine*, as well as more than a dozen *Curious Critters* state-specific board books. His other books include *Salamander Dance*, *Animals of Ohio's Ponds and Vernal Pools*, and *Wakem the Rooster: Up All Night*. David's books have won 14 national book awards and sold over 200,000 copies.

David presents seminars and workshops to a wide variety of audiences, from public school, college, and university classes to photography groups, civic organizations, and nature groups. His works have been exhibited at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, the National Center for Nature Photography, The Palm Beach Photographic Centre, and the Telluride Photo Festival.

Before becoming a freelance photographer and author, David taught for over twenty years—first high school English and then as a university professor, having taught at Cornell, Ohio State, and Ashland Universities. He holds a Ph.D. in English from Ohio State University, with a specialty in narrative theory—investigating the components of storytelling—something that influences his photography and writing. David visits schools across North America sharing his Children & Nature message and promoting verbal and visual literacy.



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