

as well as such properties as buoyancy, density, viscosity and surface tension. A glossary is included; even so, an average elementary school child would probably find some of the concepts and vocabulary difficult to understand. However, the book is copiously illustrated with brightly colored sketches, diagrams, and pictures, and about half the book is eye-catching pictorial material that amplifies the verbal descriptions. I would recommend it as a reference book for elementary-school libraries.

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WONDERS OF THE WORLD OF WOLVES, by Jacquelyn Berrill. 1970. Dodd, Mead, & Co., New York. 80 pp. \$3.50 (hardback).

WONDERS OF THE FLY WORLD, by Sigmund A. Lavine. 1970. Dodd, Mead, & Co., New York. 64 pp. \$3.50 (hardback).

Jacquelyn Berrill and Sigmund A. Lavine are each responsible for nearly a dozen other titles in the publisher's impressive series for juvenile readers. Each author is primarily an educator—a writer, or interpreter—whose interest

is that of the generalist, not the specialist. Each has a talent for selecting the interesting and significant information, and each writes well. Berrill's book tells of a family of wolves, incorporating ecologic and behavioral information. She makes a strong case for protecting the wolf, now an endangered species. The 50 pleasing black-and-white drawings, by the author, add much to the book: two-directional talents are seldom found in such harmonious combination.

Lavine's book is about some remarkable flies. His is a topical treatment, highly readable and punctuated with 40 excellent close-up photographs. I can only suggest one possible improvement in both books: lists of further readings.

Juvenile readers, teachers in the elementary schools, and librarians will welcome these additions to the "Wonders" series—a series of about 50 titles on natural history of natural-science subjects. The 7-by-9½-inch size of these books and their sturdy bindings are ideal for use by eager young readers.

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CLARION THE KILLDEER, by Helen Ross Russell. 1970. Hawthorn Books, New York. 66 pp. \$3.95 (hardback).

This is a warm, delightful story for young readers of a killdeer family and more especially of the life of Clarion, one of the offspring. Clarion is followed from the hatch through a return to the home territory a year later. There are strong ecologic and animal-behavior overtones throughout the book. Protective coloration, nesting, migration, predator-prey relationships, and territory formation are basic in the development of the story. It is most likely that the children who read the book will not recognize the ecologic significance of the natural happenings of the killdeer family. However, the story line itself is appealing, and while reading the book the children may begin to develop a sensitiveness to the relationship of an animal to its environment.

Although the author is guilty of some anthropomorphisms, this does not detract from the story. A teacher would find this book a pleasure to use for story hour.

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