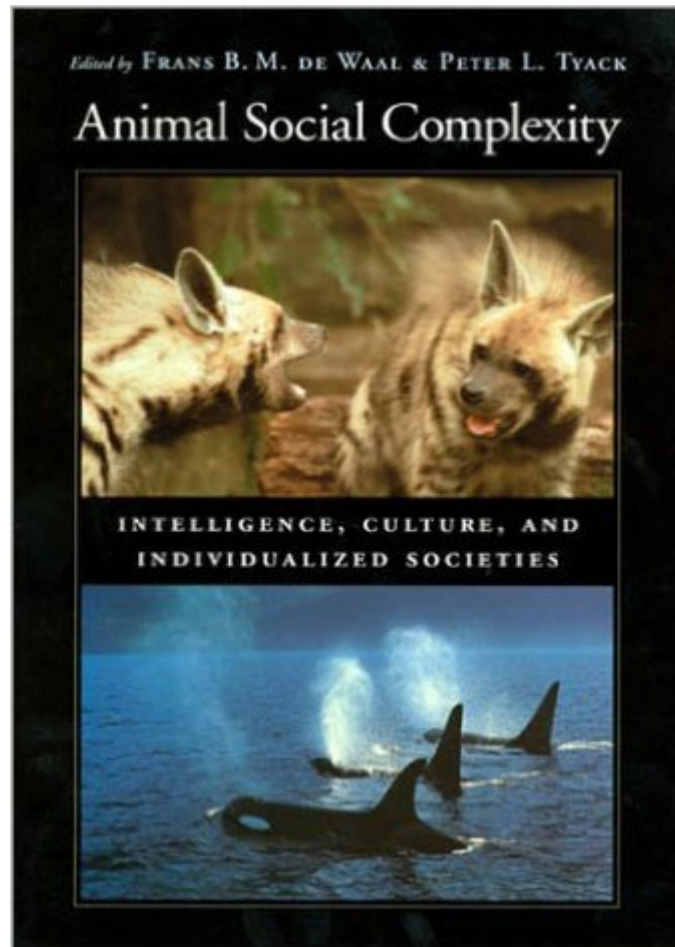


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Animal Social Complexity: Intelligence, Culture, And Individualized Societies



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For over 25 years, primatologists have speculated that intelligence, at least in monkeys and apes, evolved as an adaptation to the complicated social milieu of hard-won friendships and bitterly contested rivalries. Yet the Balkanization of animal research has prevented us from studying the same problem in other large-brained, long-lived animals, such as hyenas and elephants, bats and sperm whales. Social complexity turns out to be widespread indeed. For example, in many animal societies one individual's innovation, such as tool use or a hunting technique, may spread within the group, thus creating a distinct culture. As this collection of studies on a wide range of species shows, animals develop a great variety of traditions, which in turn affect fitness and survival. The editors argue that future research into complex animal societies and intelligence will change the perception of animals as gene machines, programmed to act in particular ways and perhaps elevate them to a status much closer to our own. At a time when humans are perceived more biologically than ever before, and animals as more cultural, are we about to witness the dawn of a truly unified social science, one with a distinctly cross-specific perspective?

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I was very excited to read this book, it looked like an excellent compilation of interesting research from a wide range of fields. However, I was disappointed by the contents. Most chapters are just reviews of the general research of the authors, and some hardly address the idea of intelligence and culture. Some authors spend the whole chapter just reviewing their research, and then in the last

paragraph run over their thoughts on if there is intelligence or culture in their study species in just a few sentences. Having said that, some chapters are golden and well worth the read. Because this book is relatively cheap for a science book, I would say that the few insightful chapters make it worth the cost, but overall it was not as informative or interesting as I had hoped.

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