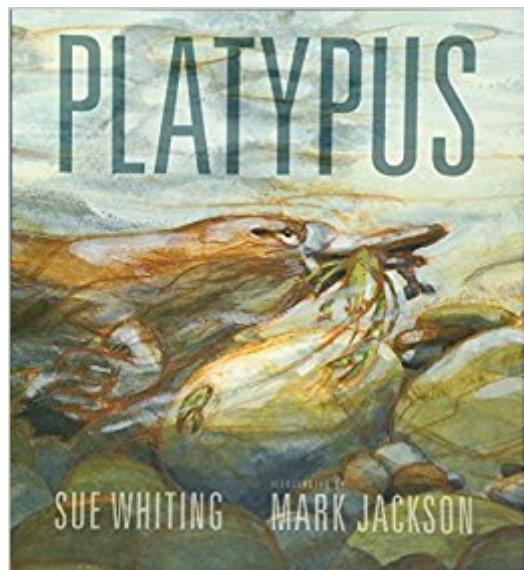


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# Platypus



## Synopsis

Meet the puzzling platypus! A lively narrative and engaging illustrations follow a fascinating creature that defies categorization. There it is, a giant duckbill emerging from a burrow. But this animal has fur and walks low to the ground, with claws and a wide, flat tail like a beaver. When it swims, it looks like a miniature crocodile, and when faced with threats, it keeps its snakelike venom at the ready. And did you know that the female platypus lays eggs? Follow a most unusual mammal as it leaves its home and travels through the night, gliding past wallabies and evading a hungry fox — hurrying, scurrying, always busy, always looking for a meal!

## Book Information

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Jackson, who recently offered an intimate look at another Australian animal in *Bilby*, creates a lush marshland environment in mixed-media images rendered in smudgy earth tones. — Publishers WeeklySmoothly written and...informative, this is a nice addition to the elementary-level nature shelf. — Kirkus ReviewsHandsome competition for titles such as Sneed B. Collard's *A Platypus* Probably, this work will attract readers with its intriguing topic and eye-catching packaging. The attractive picture book format encloses a readable, informative glimpse of one of the stranger creatures to be found on planet Earth. — School Library JournalWhiting's storytelling is a beautiful combination of rich descriptions and a recurring reminder of the key characteristics of a

platypus, all of which gently ebbs and flows with Jacksonâ™s soothing mixed-media illustrations...definitely an engaging and enlightening read.â "Booklist

Sue Whiting is a former teacher who divides her time between working as a childrenâ™s-book editor and writing books for young people. She lives near Sydney, Australia. Mark Jackson is the illustrator of several picture books, including Python by Christopher Cheng and Bilby by Edel Wignell. He lives in Melbourne, Australia.

PLATYPUS is a nonfiction book that introduces children one of nature's most unusual creatures: the platypus. On one side of each page, PLATYPUS follows a platypus as it goes about its day. On the corresponding page in slightly smaller font there is information about the platypus. The book concludes with a two paragraph essay about the animal. There's also a short index at the very end of the book. Overall, while not extremely detailed, the book is informative and provides a decent introduction to the platypus.

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