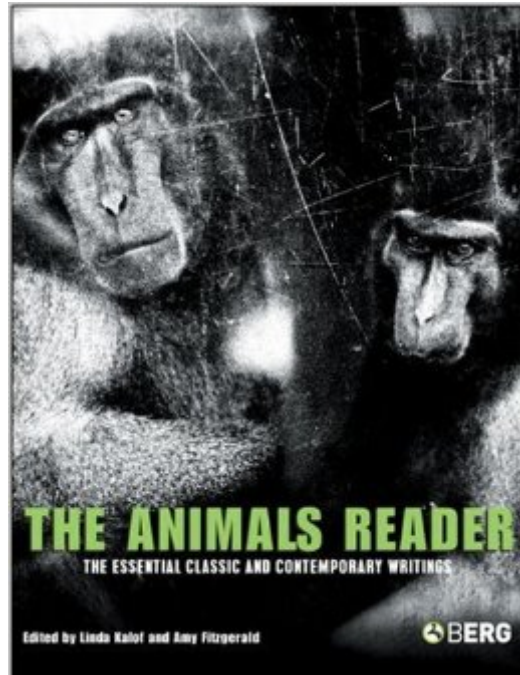


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I adopted this as a textbook in a 400-level Anthropology class on "Humans and Animals." I was able to use the majority of the articles, although I changed the order in which the class read them somewhat from the order in which they are presented in the reader. The text covers a range of issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, from the domestication of animals to their use in factory farms and labs, to the birth of the animal rights movement. Each article begins with a short profile of the author's background which helped students contextualize her/his work. Students were able to easily understand the key points of each article. My one critique is that of course it cannot

cover every aspect of human-animal relations I wanted to address in the class -- but no single text can really do so. This one is more comprehensive and includes more classic pieces than any other text on this topic now on the market. I recommend it for class use, supplemented with other readings of the instructor's choice.

Exactly as described

Got it for Animal Studies. Didn't like the class, or the six other books I had to buy along with this one. However, I passed with an A so I guess it was a good GPA buffer. The book itself is fine for "required reading" but I wouldn't read it voluntarily.

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