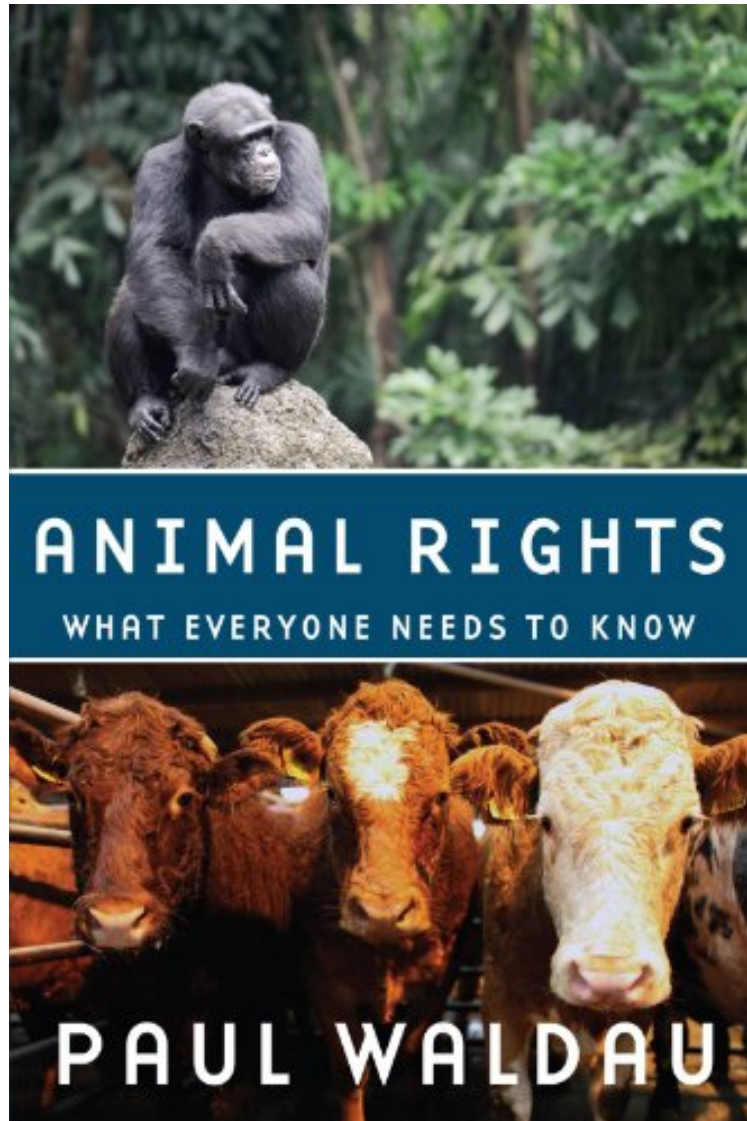


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is the fourth book I have read in Oxford's "What Everyone Needs to Know" series, and the first that I found to be less than excellent. Vague generalities abound, with very little in the way of precise, factual information. It reads as if the author has a sort of meta-interest in discourse within the world of animal welfare, but not an interest in the nuts and bolts of animal welfare per se -- an approach that might be fine in itself, but is a far cry from "What Everyone Needs to Know." My favorite part was Chapter 10, "Major Figures and Organizations in the Animal Rights Movement," precisely because the fact-to-generality ratio was highest in this chapter. But even here, generalities are, well, general. The section "A singular commitment, a controversial organization -- Ingrid Newkirk" (concerning the head of PETA) opens with "Reviled by many, idolized by many..." and repeats the word "controversial," but the nature of any controversy is not mentioned at all. The other books I have read in the "What Everyone Needs to Know" series leave the reader with the notion (deserved, I think) that they have a solid understanding of the main issues, ideas, and events in the topic covered; not so this book. What you are more likely to leave with is the idea that humans have a long and varied history with animals, where some of the variance is cross-cultural, and that the terms "animal rights" and "animal welfare" lend themselves to varied interpretations. I am no expert in the area of animal welfare, but I think most readers will get a lot more out of Peter Singer's classic *Animal Liberation*, or out of the Sunstein and Nussbaum edited volume, *Animal Rights: Current Debates and New Directions*, than from this tepid book.

In this compelling volume in the What Everyone Needs to Know series, Paul Waldau expertly navigates the many heated debates surrounding the complex and controversial animal rights movement. Organized around a series of probing questions, this timely resource offers the most complete, even-handed survey of the animal rights movement available. The book covers the full spectrum of issues, beginning with a clear, highly instructive definition of animal rights. Waldau looks at the different concerns surrounding companion animals, wild animals, research animals, work animals, and animals used for food, provides a no-nonsense assessment of the treatment of animals, and addresses the philosophical and legal arguments that form the basis of animal rights. Along the way, readers will gain insight into the history of animal protection-as well as the political and social realities facing animals today-and become familiar with a range of hot-button topics, from animal cognition and autonomy, to attempts to balance animal cruelty versus utility. Chronicled here are many key figures and organizations responsible for moving the animal rights movement forward, as well as legislation and public policy that have been carried out around the world in the name of animal rights and animal protection. The final chapter of this indispensable volume looks ahead to the future of animal rights, and delivers an animal protection mandate for citizens, scientists, governments, and other stakeholders. With its multidisciplinary, non-ideological focus and all-inclusive coverage, *Animal Rights* represents the definitive survey of the animal rights movement-one that will engage every reader and student of animal rights, animal law, and environmental ethics. *What Everyone Needs to Know* is a registered trademark of Oxford University Press.

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