

A World Without RHINOS?

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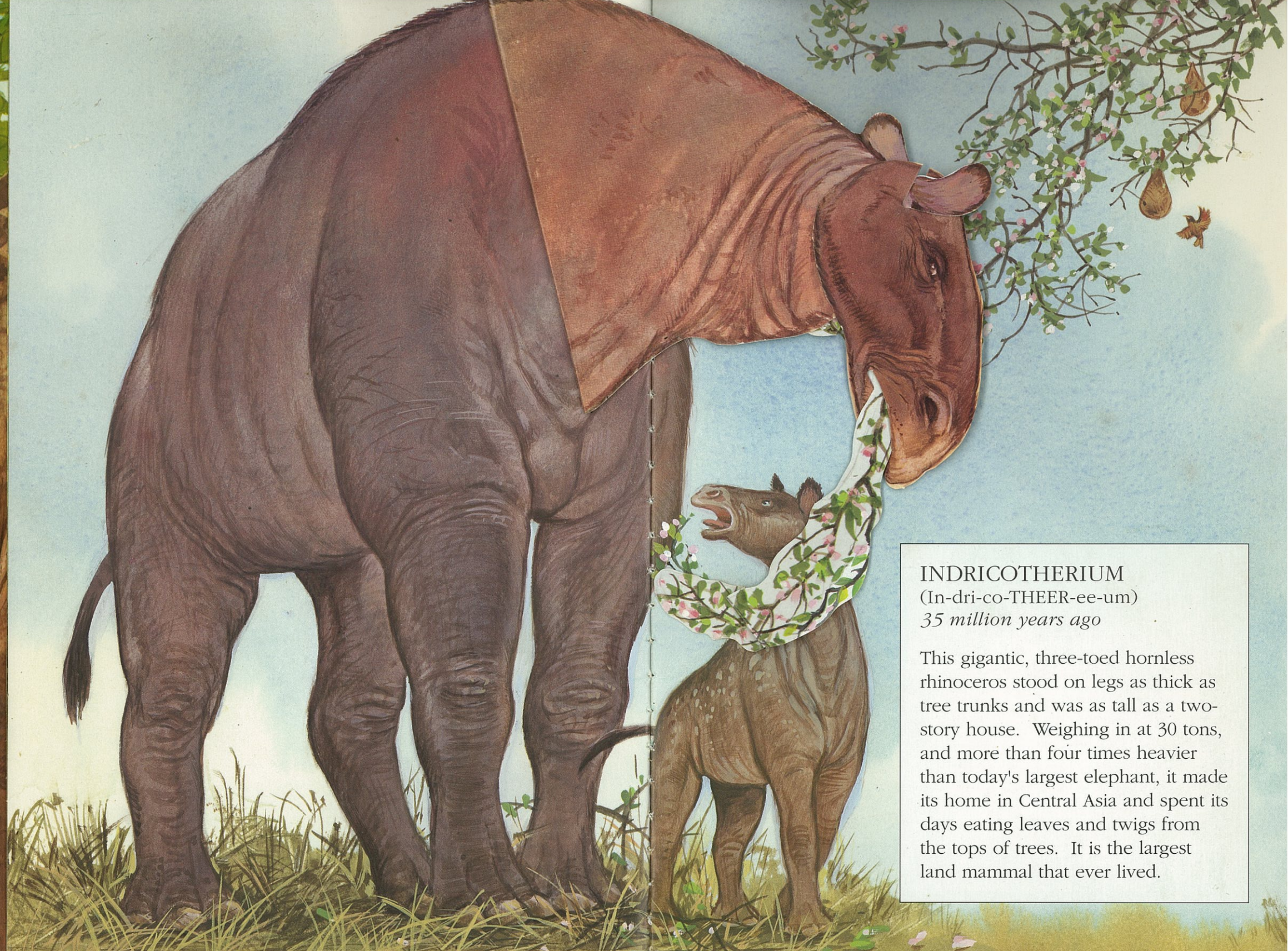
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The plant-eating land animal that we now call the rhinoceros and its ancestors have lived on the earth for at least 55 million years. Today, however, the rhino is rapidly disappearing due in large part to the unchecked killing of the animals for the magical powers attributed to their horns.



HYRACODON (Hi-RAK-o-don)
55 million years ago

This first ancestor was about 3 1/2 feet long. Its fossil remains tell us it was actually a three-toed hornless rhinoceros. When faced with danger, it could run away quickly. Hyracodon lived in great numbers in many parts of the world, including North America.



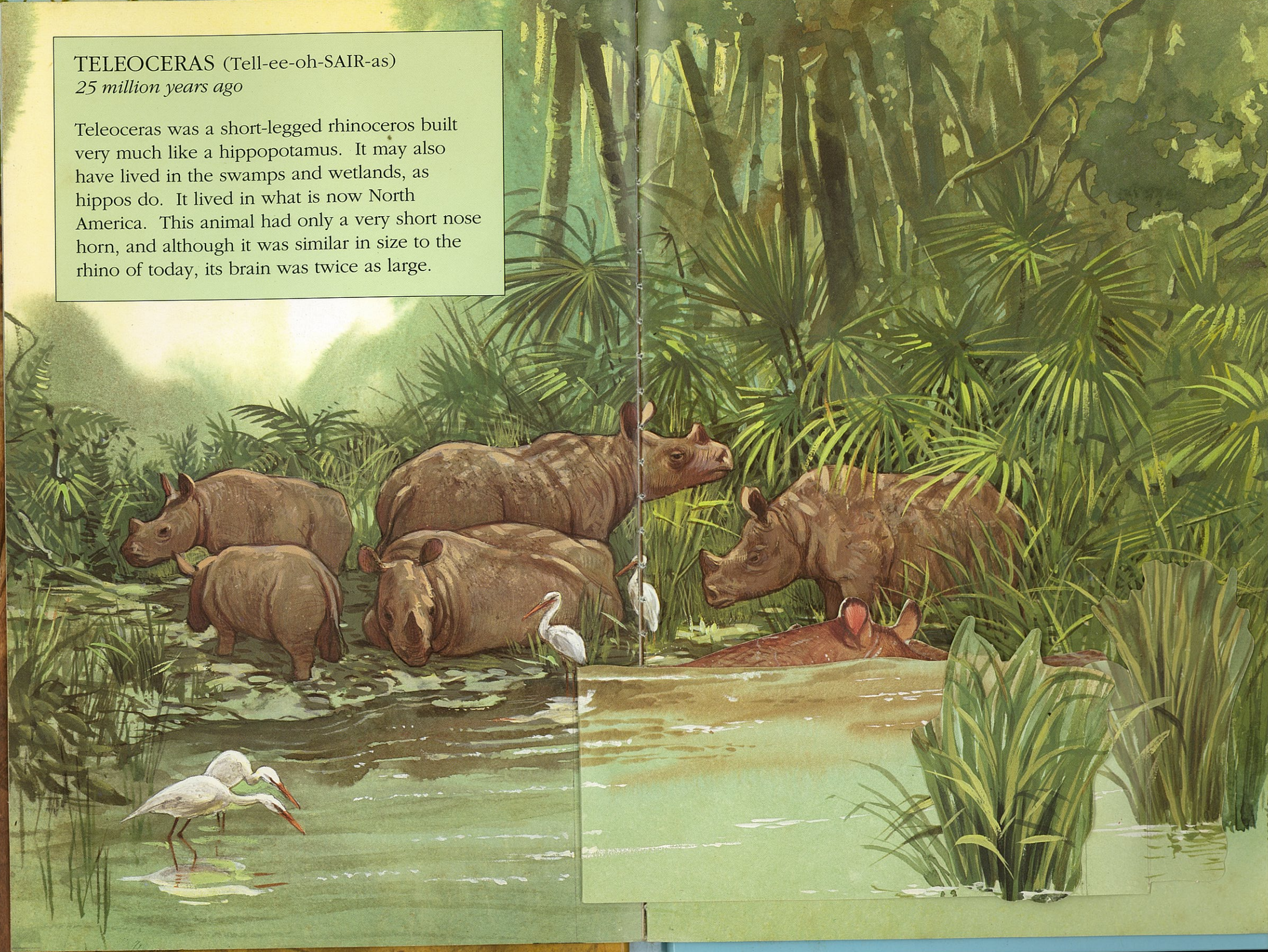
INDRICOTHERIUM
(In-dri-co-THEER-ee-um)
35 million years ago

This gigantic, three-toed hornless rhinoceros stood on legs as thick as tree trunks and was as tall as a two-story house. Weighing in at 30 tons, and more than four times heavier than today's largest elephant, it made its home in Central Asia and spent its days eating leaves and twigs from the tops of trees. It is the largest land mammal that ever lived.

TELEOCERAS (Tell-ee-oh-SAIR-as)

25 million years ago

Teleoceras was a short-legged rhinoceros built very much like a hippopotamus. It may also have lived in the swamps and wetlands, as hippos do. It lived in what is now North America. This animal had only a very short nose horn, and although it was similar in size to the rhino of today, its brain was twice as large.



ELASMOTHERIUM (Ee-lass-moh-THEER-ee-um)

100,000 years ago

This giant woolly rhinoceros lived on a diet of short grasses, lichens, and the stunted bushes that grew on the tundra, the treeless plains, during the last European and Asian Ice Age. The tundra was also the hunting ground of Neanderthal man. But Elasmotherium was a fearsome quarry. Its horn grew not on its nose like other rhinos, but right in the middle of its forehead and was 6 feet long!



RHINOCEROS

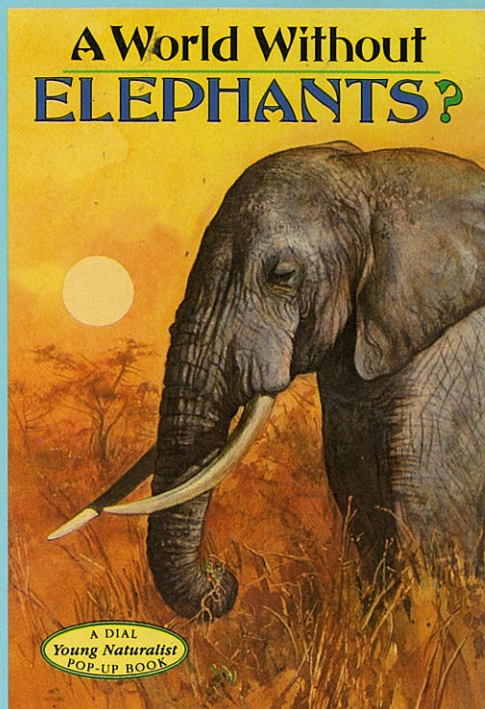
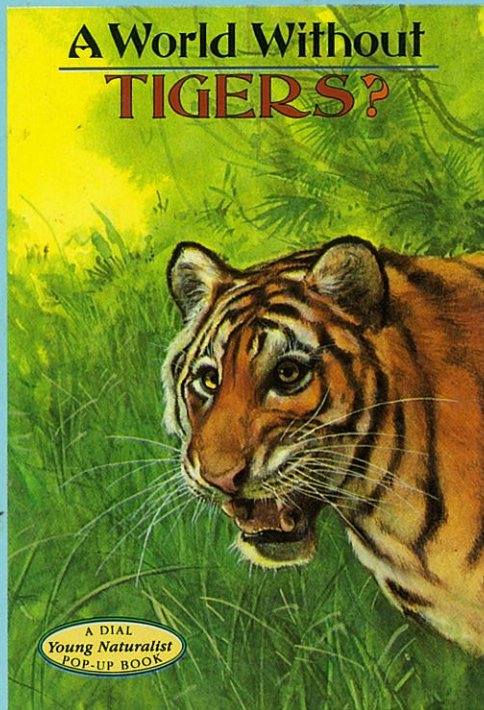
Present Day

Few animals today are more threatened than rhinoceroses, including the square-lipped, 2-ton African rhinoceros shown here.

Although efforts have been made in Africa and Asia to protect them, poachers still hunt rhinoceroses for their meat, horns, and hides. Unless the poaching is stopped, we will soon see these animals only in zoos.



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