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### Editorial Review

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*Starred Review.* Kindergarten-Grade 3—This engaging title is informative as well as visually stunning. Jenkins captures the essence of his subjects with appropriately colored, cut-paper collage illustrations on stark white backgrounds. Each endangered animal is introduced in a single paragraph that typically contains a fact or two about its range, behavior, diet, and those conditions that threaten its welfare. The actual number remaining is poignantly noted. A middle section, *Gone Forever*, memorializes animals no longer on Earth with an indication of when they were last seen. In a hopeful third section, Jenkins discusses the Indian crocodile, whooping crane, and Alpine ibex, three animals that are coming back, due to the efforts to protect their habitats. All the animals included in this book are numbered and appropriately placed on a double-page world map. Those who have enjoyed Patricia Mullins *V for Vanishing* (HarperCollins, 1997) or Alexandra Wrights *Will We Miss Them?* (Charlesbridge 1991) will definitely gravitate toward this offering. Report writers may need more extensive information but the beauty of this book justifies its inclusion on most library shelves.—*Gloria Koster, West School, New Canaan, CT*

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Gr. 1-3. Caldecott Honor Book illustrator Jenkins applies his considerable talents to the cause of conservation in this book in the long-running Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science series. Using his signature cut-and-torn-paper collages, he shows 21 endangered species, accompanying each image with a few sentences about the animal's habitat, a particular characteristic, and, sometimes, the reason for its endangered status. The art is not to scale, but Jenkins often works in text references to give kids an idea of relative size: a Yangtze River Dolphin "may grow to be eight feet long"; an Assam rabbit weighs "four or five pounds." As usual, Jenkins' artwork is fascinating. His papers, apparently handpainted, are carefully matched to catch subtle variations of an animal's skin or a sense of the shagginess of its coat. The last spreads consider four extinct animals and three species brought back from the brink by breeding or protection programs. A map designating the range of each species concludes this nicely accomplished entry in a generally stellar series.  
*Stephanie Zvirin*

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### About the Author

Steve Jenkins has illustrated many children's books, including *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*, a Caldecott Honor Book, and *The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest*, winner of the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award. He has also illustrated *Wiggling Worms at Work*, *Life in a Coral Reef*, and *Almost Gone* in the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science series. He lives in Boulder, Colorado.

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