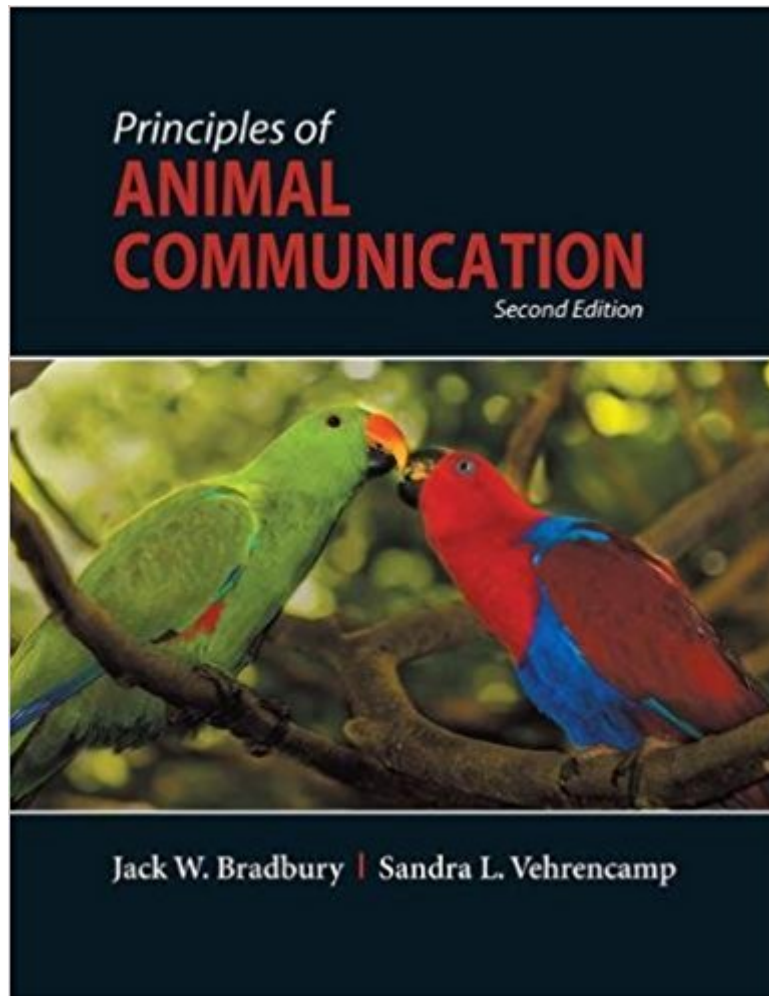




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- * Chapter Summaries for review of each chapter's main concepts.
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I really loved this book. For a textbook, this is surprisingly easy to understand and I was able to retain what I read (usually textbooks just spit out knowledge that I am unable to retain). I will be keeping this book for my collection. Very well done. I especially love the plethora of pertinent and recent scholarly research incorporated into the text.

This is the best current summary of animal communication. It is not for the casual reader, it is a scholarly textbook designed for an advanced undergraduate course or for graduate students. As someone working in the field, I find it an invaluable reference and summary of the literature. It is really an amazing book.

I love, love, love this book! It is so interesting and I found myself reading even unassigned chapters. It provides a fascinating look into animal communication and provides the science of physics, evolution, and probability behind what can seem like crazy or unintuitive occurrences.

As described

I love this book and it came in mint condition and fast! I have never learned so much in a class and would tell everyone to buy this book if they needed it for a class or just wanted to learn about communication between animals in general.

I can't still talk much about the product, but the package was delivered on time, great conditions. I scanned through it and I'm excited to take the class. Will reply in about two months

I read this book as an interested non-professional naturalist. Animal Communication is an excellent introduction to a fascinating topic. The reader gains both an appreciation for the complexity of animal communication and the knowledge to understand the basics. Broadly, the book covers the following aspects of animal communication: 1) The evolution and economics of communication 2) How animals send, receive and process information, including the tools used to produce signals (visual, auditory, chemical, and tactile) 3) The social impact of communication, in social networks and unions ranging from courtship and mating to complex societies. Note that this is no coffee-table book. It is an undergraduate-level textbook and chock-full of information. Yet in my opinion Animal Communication is an excellent book for laypersons of all backgrounds. It is a scientific work, but it is written at a level that permits nonscientists to use it as a solid foundation of learning and knowledge. Technical aspects are explained clearly and concisely, and each topic is covered thoroughly and effectively. There are plenty of tools and guidance for the interested reader to learn more, such as web topics and a large, comprehensive bibliography. However the more casual reader can stick to the basics and not feel overwhelmed. The non-scientist will be able to easily grasp the key concepts and apply them to the larger picture of animal communication. And the naturalist will gain a greater appreciation for the natural world, through better understanding of the conversations going on all around us. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in animal communication. H. M. Meddaugh

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