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This fascinating book, written by a world authority on animal intelligence, brings together the cumulative research on the comparative intelligence levels of nonhuman "smart" species. **Sally Boysen** reveals how these intelligent animals communicate, learn behavior, show feelings and emotions and, for some species, how they use tools, count and sometimes pick up a foreign language.

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The book's chapters are:

- Comparing Animal Skills and Intelligence
- Animal Tool Use
- Communication in Animals
- Imitation and Social Learning
- Social Cognition and Emotion
- Self-recognition and Awareness
- Numerical Abilities in Animals
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