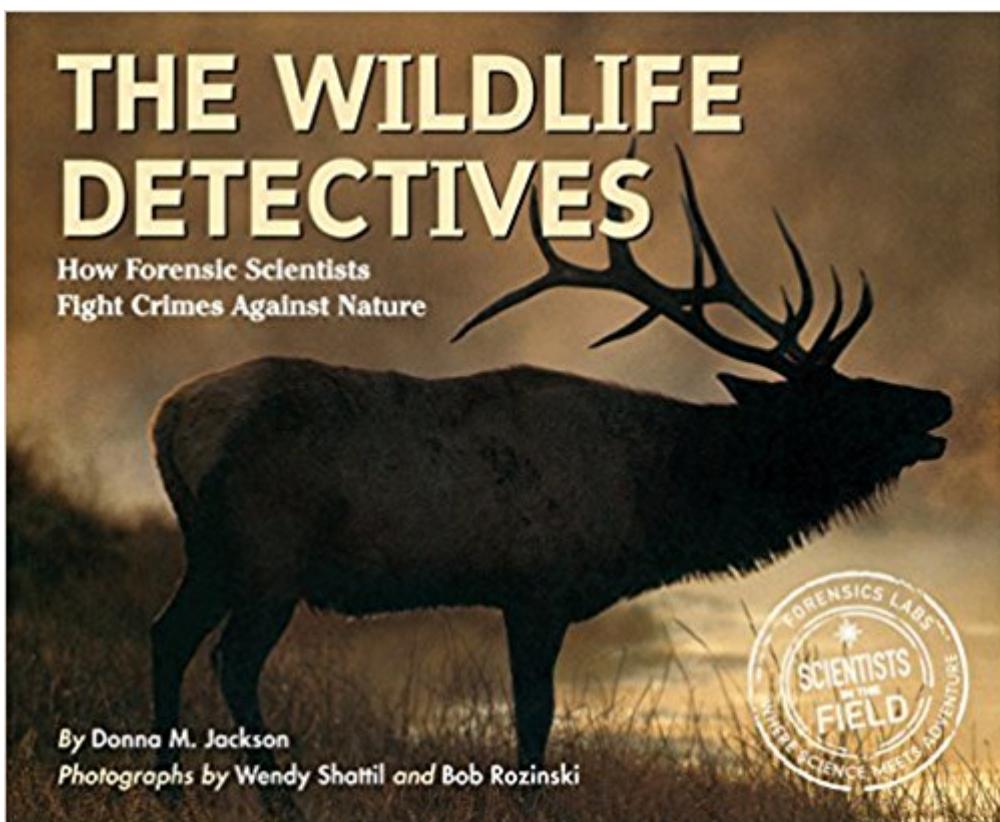


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The Wildlife Detectives: How Forensic Scientists Fight Crimes Against Nature



Synopsis

A National Science Teachers Association/Children's Book Council® Outstanding Science Trade Book for Children

Slaughtering elephants for their ivory; shooting bears for their gall bladders; capturing sea turtles for soup. In the name of vanity, fashion, and greed, man stalks and kills wild animals -- and gets away with it, even when it is clearly against the law. But now scientists have a way to catch and convict poachers. In a laboratory in Ashland, Oregon, they analyze clues to link suspects to crimes. In words and pictures, this book tells a poignant story and reveals how science can indeed save the day.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-7-A fascinating look at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory where scientists work to solve crimes, such as poaching. The book focuses on a specific incident-the shooting of a bull elk in Yellowstone National Park-and follows the case step-by-step. Interspersed with the story about this killing are "Wild Files" that give further information about the lab, the scientists, and related topics such as endangered wildlife protection laws. These inserts, alternating with two-page spreads of text, contain lots of intriguing information but their placement is a drawback. Although the

main story is compelling, its continuity is continuously broken. Otherwise, this is an enjoyable, informative volume with well-placed, clear photos that add interest. Offer it to fans of the author's *The Bone Detectives* (Little, Brown, 1996) and nature enthusiasts, who will appreciate this foray into an intriguing and little-known area of wildlife conservation work. Arwen Marshall, formerly at New York Public Library Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In this companion to *The Bone Detectives* (1996), Jackson introduces young readers to the forensic scientists who track down criminals who harm wild animals. She recounts details of an actual 1993 case involving a bull elk slain for his antlers, which was solved by the scientists at the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon. In a smoothly written text that unfolds almost like a mystery novel, Jackson explains how the detectives analyze clues, make use of sophisticated electronic equipment, and follow tips to solve crimes. Interspersed throughout are "Wild Files," sidebars describing current wildlife law, the various jobs in animal crime labs, and efforts to prevent the poaching of endangered species. Engaging full-color photographs help clarify the text and will appeal to browsers. A list of follow-up suggestions and a glossary of terms are appended. A book that will be welcomed by mystery fans and anyone who cares about animals. Kay Weisman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A magnificent elk is killed by a poacher. The investigators look at the body, collect and analyze the forensic evidence, and question the witnesses. A reward is announced. Then... a taxidermist calls about a suspicious mount...In between the pages of this story, author Donna Jackson described the plight of poached and endangered wildlife, and the effort that goes into investigating wildlife-related crimes. This is crime scene investigation (CSI), through and through, wildlife-style.

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