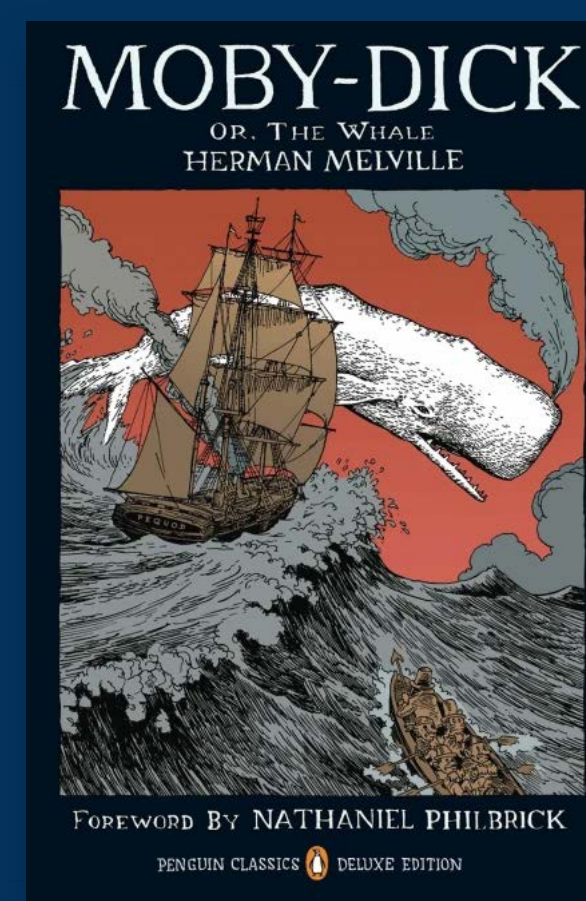
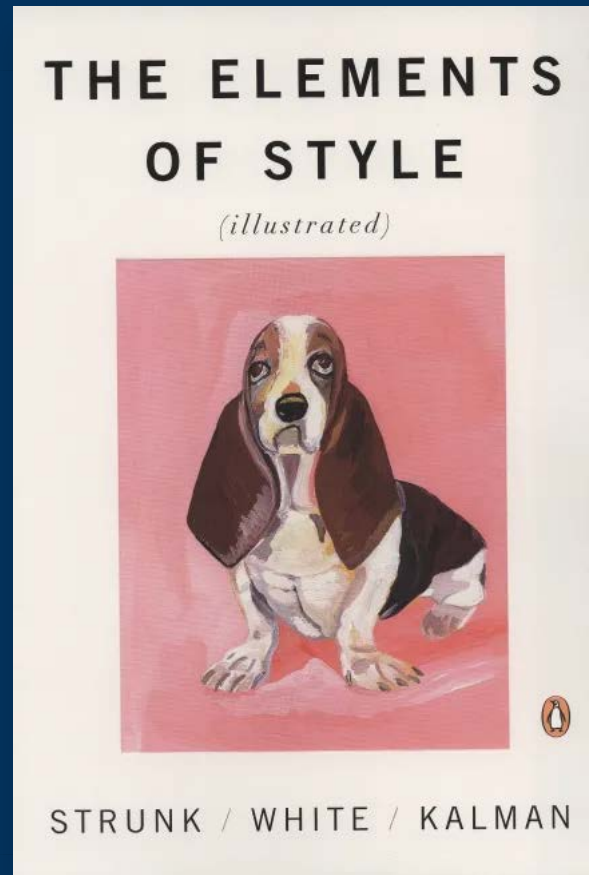
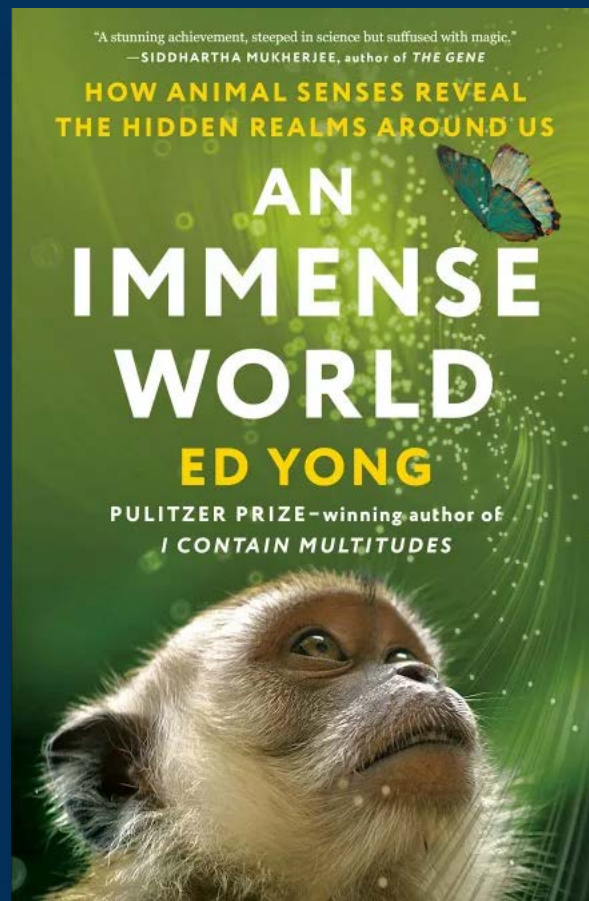


# Maddalena Bearzi's 3 favorite reads in 2023



## What did I love most about each book?

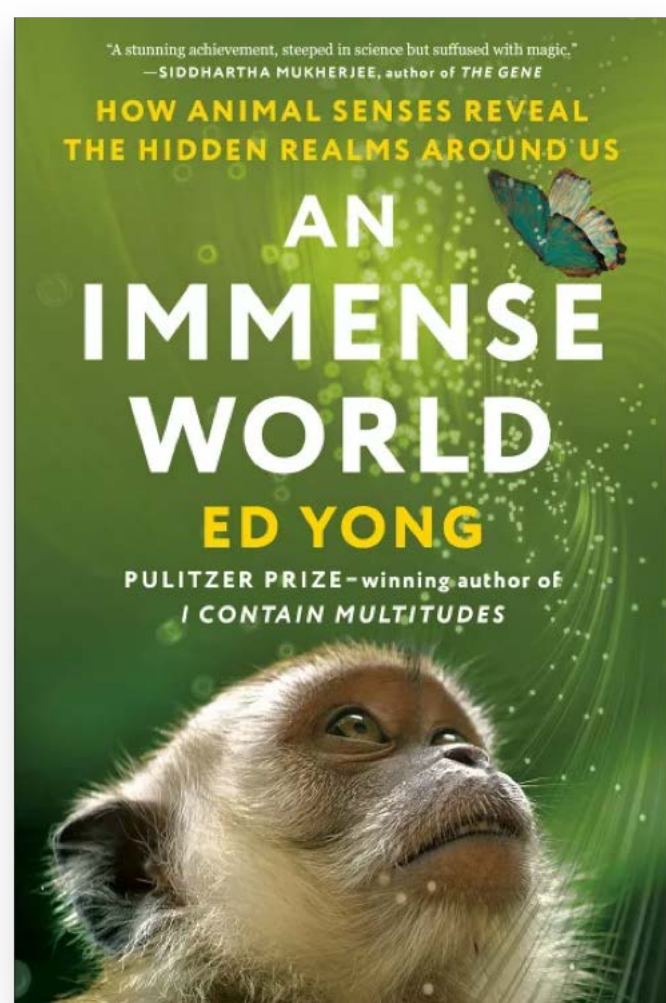
I'm Maddalena Bearzi

- Author
- Marine Biologist
- Conservation Advocate
- Traveler
- Reader

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### My favorite read in 2023...



**An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us**  
By Ed Yong

Why did I love this book?

If you like well-written nonfiction and the natural world as much as I do, this book is for you.

Ed Yong is an excellent science writer able to engage readers in a way not too many authors can. This book is mind-broadening, and not just for people fascinated by learning more about other non-human species and their antics, but also for anyone interested in better understanding how other animals see the world with their senses.

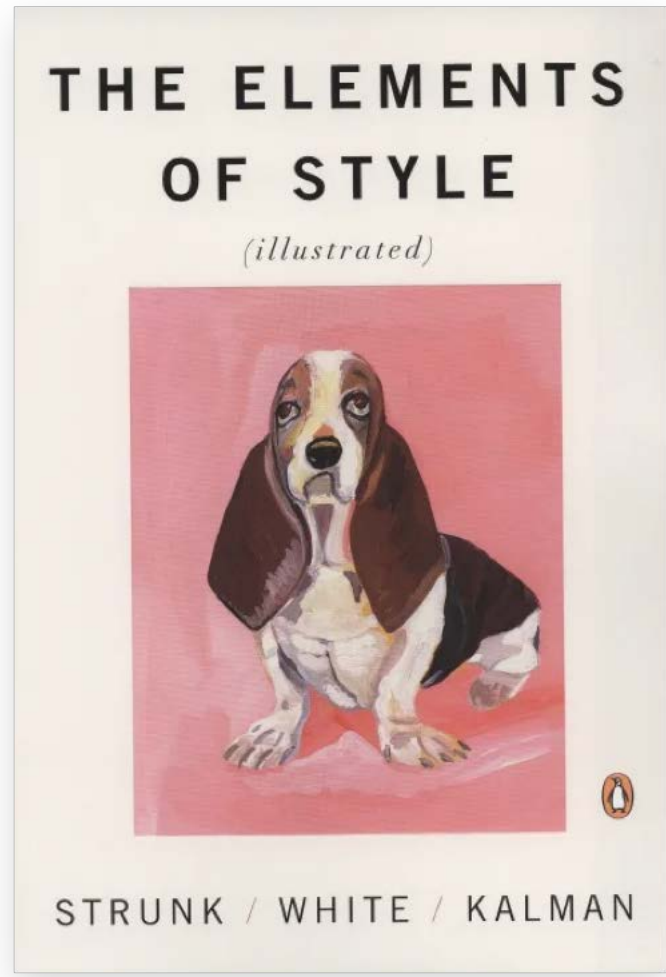
He describes the behavior of a variety of beings, from dogs to cats, from flies to dolphins, and from bats to mice, showing how every single creature is truly extraordinary if we take the time to stop and observe it.

The author does a great job of explaining to us humans how to look outside our own "sensory bubble" so we can not only better grasp the lives of other creatures sharing the planet with us but also act to protect them. And he shares some humorous anecdotes too. I highly suggest this book!

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### My 2nd favorite read in 2023...



**The Elements of Style (Illustrated)**

By William Strunk, E. B. White + 1 more

Why did I love this book?

And here is something totally different for you...

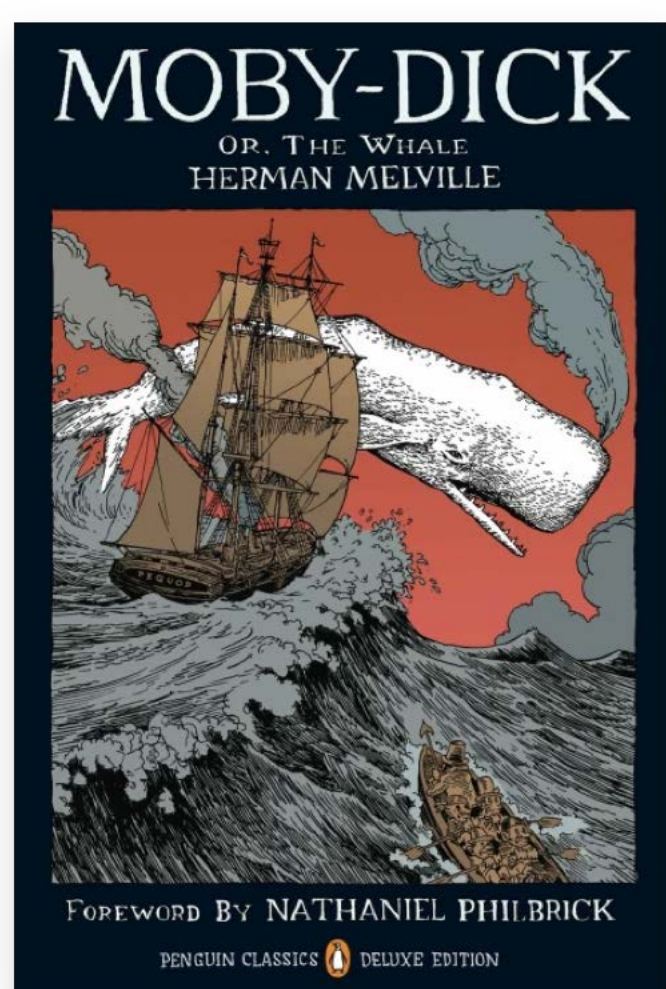
I read *The Elements of Style* several times in my life but I recently bought the illustrated edition of this little "bible." *The Elements of Style* (illustrated) by Strunk/White/Kalman is not only a classic but something every English language writer (and reader) should check out! The colorful illustrations by Maira Kalman make the reading even more entertaining.

It's not a surprise to me that this "style manual" has also appeared on a bestseller list. It's not just a great, quick, and useful reading; it also makes a great gift for anyone interested in writing and in better understanding the English language.

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### My 3rd favorite read in 2023...



**Moby-Dick**

By Herman Melville

Why did I love this book?

*Moby-Dick* is a true classic and an extraordinary book. I own a beautiful, old copy of it and I read this literary masterpiece more than once in my life, including last month. And not just because it's one of the greatest books of all time, but also because I am a marine biologist who has studied whales and dolphins for many years!

The narration of this epic (and a bit intimidating) piece of literature - dated back to 1851, is poetic. I read mostly nonfiction books but, at times, I discover a fiction book that truly engages me. *Moby Dick* has been such a book for me. Highly recommended.

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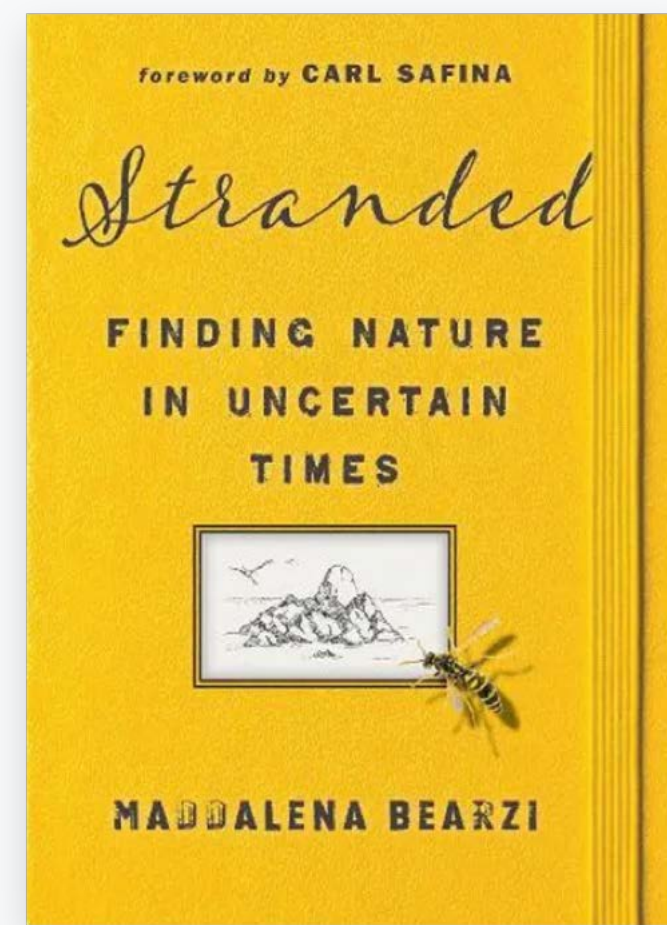
**Stranded: Finding Nature in Uncertain Times**

By Maddalena Bearzi

What is my book about?

Conservationist and marine biologist Maddalena Bearzi made her career studying the wild creatures of the deep, but when COVID-19 made landfall on the California coast this seafaring scientist found herself shuttered ashore, her wide blue world constricted by pandemic lockdown. Never good at sitting idle, she despaired at the confines of her Los Angeles flat—until she began to find wonder in the wilderness of her own backyard.

*Stranded* charts Bearzi's discovery of both rapture and resilience in the unsung wildlife of urban LA. With a green thumb and a canine sidekick named Genghis, she finds as much to marvel at in her garden's singing blackbirds, night-blooming cacti, and industrious wasps as in the whales, dolphins, and sea lions at the center of her maritime adventures.



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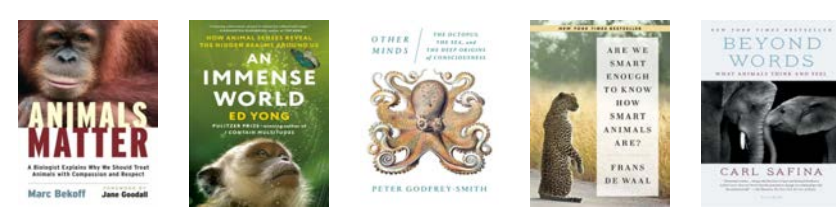
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