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When the COVID lockdown became a reality, and she was unable to continue work in the close quarters of her research vessel, conservationist and marine biologist Maddalena Bearzi turned her wildlife observations to her own yard instead of the sea.

The resulting *Stranded* is as effortless and satisfying as a backyard conversation with an old friend. Bearzi recalls lockdown days with humor--her NextDoor community's daily "Coyote Alert!"--and wonder for the wildness of her neighborhood. Instead of studying whales and dolphins, she turns her attention to birds and squirrels, dogs and opossums, paper wasps and garden flowers, creating an unpretentious and thoroughly satisfying memoir of the pandemic.

Her list of "Ideas for Uncertain Times" is realistic, optimistic, hopeful, and reassuring. Bearzi hits the right tone for these chaotic times.

*Stranded: Finding Nature
in Uncertain Times*
Maddalena Bearzi,
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