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# The Bat Scientists (Scientists In The Field Series)



## Synopsis

Dr. Merlin Tuttle and his colleagues at Bat Conservation International aren't scared of bats. These bat crusaders are fascinated by them, with good reason. Bats fly the night skies in nearly every part of the world, but they are the least studied of all mammals. As the major predator of night-flying insects, bats eat many pests. Unfortunately bats are facing many problems, including a terrifying new disease. White-nose Syndrome is infecting and killing millions of hibernating bats in North America. But Dr. Tuttle, with the help of his fellow bat scientists are in the trenches and caves on the front line of the fight to save their beloved bats.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Tom Uhlman's color photos lend well to THE BAT SCIENTISTS, a fine survey of the work of famed bat scientist Dr. Merlin Tuttle and his colleagues at bat Conservation International. The author and her colleague follow the bat scientists into the caves - and reveal the fight to save bats around the world in this fine pick for any elementary-level science collection!

This book explains the work of bat scientist with clear and vivid photographs. The book expresses

the valuable niche bats provide in our ecosystem and helps children understand how to take care of the environment bats live in. Good for ages 10 and up.

Did you know bats are the only mammals that fly? In this beautiful and informative book (with amazing images, many of them close up) Carson offers fascinating "bat basics" before leading readers inside caves and under bridges with scientists from Bat Conservation International. Carson recounts the dangers to these often misunderstood and beneficial animals, including damage to bat environments and the plague white-nose syndrome. She also highlights the urgent need and efforts to protect bats. Carson's energetic, clear writing and Tom Uhlman's incredible photos make for a great addition to the acclaimed Scientists in the Field series.

The photographs are startling in their beauty. I mean, let's face it, bats aren't known as being especially handsome creatures. But photographer Tom Uhlman, with a combination of in-your-face close-ups and impressive vistas, has rendered bats majestic, personable, even cute. That's talent. But the heart of *The Bat Scientists* is Mary Kay Carson's informative, easy-to-understand text. Her subject here is twofold: she imparts a vast amount of knowledge about bats and, as the title suggests, an equal amount of detail on the people who study them, strive to protect them and do their best to explode the myths that lead people to fear, hate and kill them. by Tom Knapp, the Rambles.(net) guy

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