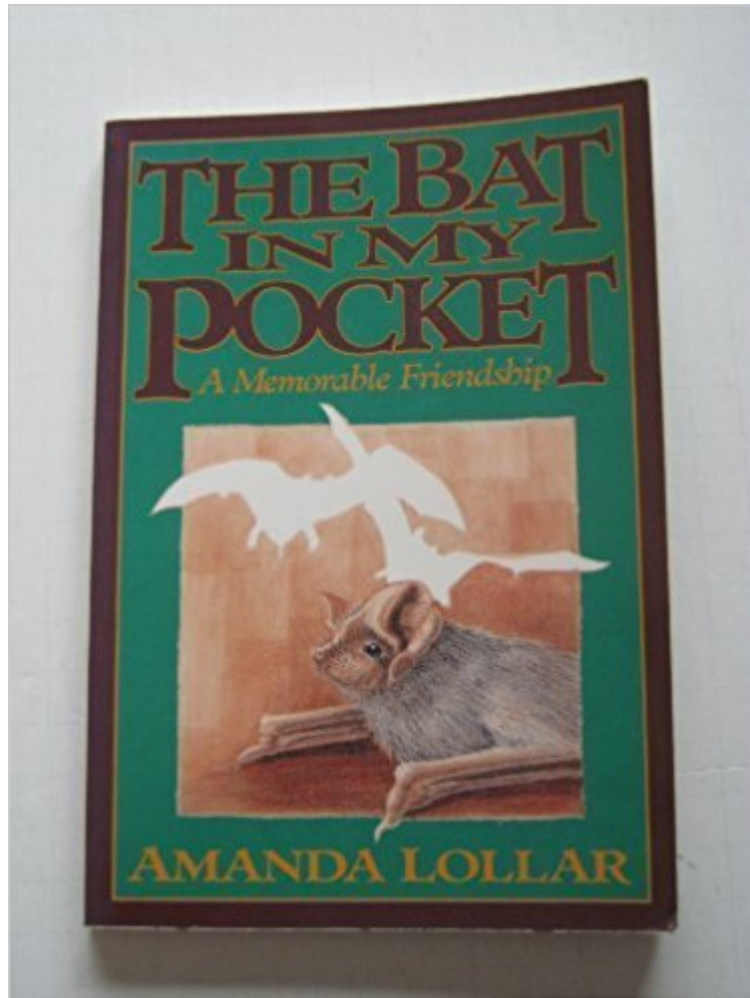




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This book really makes a person realize that bats -- for all the bad publicity and myths around them -- are really wonderful creatures with distinct personalities and a lot to offer. Amanda writes a warm story with great detail about bat behavior and her own personal growth. I like that she doesn't sugarcoat the problems she had and that it is apparent keeping bats (and all wildlife, really) is not only unwise (and probably illegal) for the normal person but a difficult and challenging task. If everyone read this book, there would be a lot better understanding of the important role bats play in the environment and why they should be appreciated rather than feared.

I have met Amanda and now consider her a friend. After reading her book, it made me realize how wonderful Amanda is, and inspired me to begin learning even more about bats. In this endeavor, I have began working as a wildlife rescuer and am learning the joys and heartaches of the rehabilitation of these wonderful, gentle, benevolent creatures God has gifted us with. I recommend this book to every teacher, parent, wildlife enthusiast, scout leader, youth minister, or anyone else who has the ability to change the stereotypical image that bats have!!!!

This little book revealed the true personalities and capabilities of one of the most misunderstood

mammals on earth. I used to think bats were cute, like mice with wings, until I read *The Bat In My Pocket* several years ago. The author helps people understand that bats are gentle, intelligent, long-lived and highly beneficial, by telling the tale of the injured bat she rescued and befriended one summer day. The little bat, Sunshine, captured Amanda Lollar's heart and will do the same to yours.

I'm a veterinarian who has worked with wildlife for years, and I treated the occasional bat. But, after reading this book a few months ago, I've realized they are some of nature's most wonderful creatures and I'm now into full-fledged treatment and rehabilitation of sick and injured bats. If you weren't sure you liked bats, this book will give you an insight into what clever and terrific little beings they really are.

Great book!!!!!! The only thing is that it doesn't have the pictures of some of the bats in the back. Great copy of book, good seller. Just will ask from now on, if it's a copy with or without pics in back. This book is such a great gift for nature lovers!

The Bat in My Pocket is written succinctly, reads well, and leaves the reader with not only the story of how a tiny injured bat changed the course of this woman's life, but also is generous with the knowledge and insight about the behavior and mindset of the female Mexican Freetail bats who are the stars of the story. This book is a vivid testimony to the character of the "Bat Lady" who founded Bat World Sanctuary in Mineral Wells, Texas, and who has gone on to become an ambassador and champion of bats around the world, as well as a go-to person for organizations and/or individuals concerned with bat welfare and stewardship, with saving and raising orphans, and creating enriched environments for non-releasable bats. This book is a wonderful read, and would be a great gift or reading list recommend for teens or adults. Amanda's writing style is informal and straightforward; thus, the reader is allowed to step immediately into the relationship she describes (with such love and intimacy) about the two years she lived with tiny crippled Sunshine, and how the experience changed her life story with such profundity.

This is the inspiring true story of one woman's encounter with bats. My friends and family all enjoy this book. Highly recommended for all nature and animal lovers.

There are a number of books about bats, notably by Tuttle and by Wilson, but none really address bat behavior in addition to basic information about bats. If you want to know what bats are really like

as animals, like you would learn about dogs or cats, this is the book to read... It's factual yet warm, instead of a dry scientific account. This is an account of an unplanned, serendipitous bat rescue in the early 90's by a layperson in Texas. It reads quickly like a captivating story, which it is. In fact, it will charm the socks off you even if you aren't comfortable with the idea of bats. Bats are actually most closely related to primates like lemurs and monkeys... which explains their intelligence, curiosity and social nature. In fact, they are highly intelligent (much more so than dogs & cats), have social needs to be in a bat group, have individual personalities, have a vocal language with each other, have very good eyesight, clean themselves more than cats, have funny little faces, and females may share babysitting duties of young. There are 1100 species of bats worldwide, and all eat bugs (major insect control - I read somewhere that Israel killed off their bats which caused a huge insect problem), or flower nectar (major pollinators of commercial food crops) or fruit (major seed dispersal method for tropical fruits). Fear of bats is completely due to urban myths! The rabies risk is also grossly exaggerated. In North America bats eat tons of bugs - mosquitos, beetles, moths, scorpions, etc. The author has since become a national rescue, rehab and behavioral expert on bats and has collaborated with leading scientists in documenting what we have learned for their behavior and medical care, besides leading outreach, education and bat rescue development. Her website, batworld.org, has a locator for the local bat rescue/rehab personnel near you.

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