

Dreaming of Orcas Reading List

Compiled by Maximilian Du for book research. This is mostly for me, but it's can be helpful for others interested in similar fields. Here, I try to approach the orca story in every feasible direction

YouTube videos and articles can be found online, but I have all of them saved in my database. Copies are available upon request. There can be some repeats between categories

As of 6-23-22, this is very not complete. I'll be adding to it more after I finish organizing my article database.

History of Orca Captivity

Before captivity

- Orca: How We Came to Know and Love the Ocean's Greatest Predator, Jason Colby.
- 1910: Boys Kill Young Whale Fierce Fight (pdf on file)
- "Finback" Whale was a White Elephant (image on file)
- Moby Dick [attn: whaling, cetology]

1960's to the 80's Early captivity

- Orca: How We Came to Know and Love the Ocean's Greatest Predator, Jason Colby.
- The Killer Whale Who Changed the World, Mark Leiren-Young.
- Bonnie Swift's Tokitae podcast
- A Whale of a Business, PBS documentary
- The orca and the orca catcher: How a generation of killer whales was taken from Puget Sound, Seattle Times Lynda Mapes

1990's to 2010 Modern captivity

- Death at SeaWorld, David Kirby
- Blackfish (documentary)
- Inside the Tanks (documentary)
- Long Gone Wild (documentary)
- Killer in the Pool, Tim Zimmerman
- Blood in the Water, Tim Zimmerman
- A Traumatic Look Behind the Scenes at SeaWorld, Tim Zimmerman
- Oral histories matter here for the counternarrative!

The Trainer Experience (counternarrative)

Early trainers and collectors

- Namu: Quest for the Killer Whale, Ted Griffin. Original (rare) book in possession
- Lads Before the Wind, Karen Pryor

Modern (1990's onward) Trainer Stories

- I Still Believe, Hazel McBride
- Beneath the Surface, John Hargrove
- SeaWorld Killer Whale Trainer Responds to "Blackfish"
- Dawn Brancheau Death - Lyndsey Schemm Tells Full Story (Roach Show)
- How To Be An Animal Trainer? (Roach Show)
- The Making of Believe (SeaWorld video, available on YouTube)
- Behind the Scenes of Believe (SeaWorld video, available on YouTube)
- Killing Keiko, Mark Simmons
- San Diego Trainer vs. Scientist Debate (video on file)
- Oral Interviews

Dawn Brancheau

- Oral interviews here are critical
- Dawn Brancheau Death - Lyndsey Schemm Tells Full Story (Roach Show)
- How To Be An Animal Trainer? (Roach Show)
- Family Discusses Life Of Dawn Brancheau (archive.org ClickOrlando; snapshot available)
- Read family-written obituary of Dawn Brancheau, SeaWorld trainer killed by killer whale (archive.org Orlando Sentinel, snapshot available)
- Ruff Ruffman: Ruff pigs out and has a whale of a time
- Behind the Scenes of Believe (copy on file)
- Believe Show (DVD version, copy on file)
- Dawn Brancheau Autopsy Report (pdf on file)
- Dawn Brancheau Sheriff's Report (pdf on file)

Psychological Takes

Training Theory

- Operant Conditioning works by BF Skinner [TO FIND]
- Applied Behavior Analysis [TO FIND]
- Don't Shoot the Dog, Karen Pryor
- Lads Before the Wind, Karen Pryor

The biology of learning

- Nucleus Accumbens [TO FIND]
- Substantia Nigra [TO FIND]

Beyond Skinner

- Harlow Monkey Experiment (more than just food)
- Lads Before the Wind, Karen Prior (attn: Pryor's debate with gov't, other humanist behaviorists)

Fear, Awe

- The Science of Awe, white paper by Summer Allen
- Echoes of Emotions Past: How Neuromodulators Determine What We Recollect, Clewett and Murty
- Amygdala and the Fear response [TO FIND]

Understanding Tragedy

- Moby Dick (Ahab's epistemological crisis)
- The Body Keeps the Score (understanding trauma can be important to understand methods of coping)

Conflict

- Robbers Cave experiment
- Fundamental Attribution Error (applies to Brancheau and every animal death)
- Confirmation Bias

Philosophical Takes

How should we treat animals?

- Animal Liberation, Peter Singer
- Heavy Petting, Peter Singer
- The Lives of Animals, Coetzee
- Kantian Case for Animal Rights, Korsgaard
- Let us Praise Infamous Animals, Jeffery St. Clair
- Earthlings, NationEarth documentary (attn: dolphins. Discretion advised)
- What's wrong with speciesism? Shelly Kagan
- Torturing Puppies for Chocolate (Fred's Basement)
- The Dreaded Comparison: Human and Animal Slavery Marjorie Spiegel

The spectacle

- Qualia, the Knowledge Argument (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

Formalism

- Second-Order Desires (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)
- McCloskey and his "Sheriff"

- Kant and the metaphysics of Morals
- Bentham's utilitarianism
- Freedom and Resentment
- Moral Luck (as it applies to the Brancheau incident)

The Animal Experience

- What's it like to be a bat? Thomas Nagel
- Why Look at Animals? John Berger

Communication

- John Lilly's reports [FIND LATER]
- Lads Before the Wind, Karen Pryor (see section where she meets Lilly)

Biology Takes

Inside the whale

- Inside Nature's Giants the Whale
- Observations on the Structure and Oeconomy of Whales. By John Hunter (detailed inside of orca)

Orca Wild Behavior

Sociology Takes

Theme Parks

- Spectacular Nature, Susan Davis

Cancel Culture

Legal Takes

SeaWorld Business Side

- Love Works, Joel Manby (the last few chapters of the updated edition)

Animals in Legal

- Bronx Zoo's Happy the elephant is not a legal person, Washington Post

- Tilikum v. SeaWorld

Literature, Pop Culture, and the Beauty

Philosophical fiction

- Moby Dick
- The Wet Goddess (erotic, but interesting in a philosophical sense)
- George Orwell was a Friend of Mine, Adam Johnson
- Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead, Olga Tokarczuk

Religion

- The Bible (attn: Genesis, Corinthians, Job, Jonah)

The Animal Experience

- Beyond the Human Realm, Gene Helfman
- The White Bone, Barbara Gowdy
- The Soul of the Sea, Hazel McBride

On Freedom

- Free Willy
- The Jaguar, Ted Huges
- The Soul of the Sea, Hazel McBride
- The Canterbury Tales, The Manciple's Tale, lines 163-174: An example of pleasing a bird in a cage

Art

- Banksy Dismaland Orca Jumping out of a Toilet bowl
- PETA bathtub campaigns

Film

- Whale Whores, South Park (satire)
- Sprint Shamu Commercial
- Simpsons Gorilla's On the Mast (contrast with Moe's orca in the Springfield Files)
- Orca the Killer Whale
- Namu the Killer Whale
- Shawshank Redemption (important to my subject)
- St. Elmo's Fire (important to my subject)

Music

- Another Day Dawn, Durbin Audio Designs
- Wind Beneath my Wings from *Beaches* (a personally important song to one of my subjects)
- Islands in the Stream (a personally important song to one of my subjects)
- Footprints in the Sand (a personally important song to one of my subjects)

- There's You'll Be, Faith Hill (a personally important song to one of my subjects)
- The whole *Believe* soundtrack (look for auditory symbolism)
- Ballad of Namu
- Michael Jackson - Man In The Mirror (see the music video—watch for the whale!)

The Blackfish Effect (and other activism)

Japan

- The Cove, Rick O'Barry
- A Whale of a Business

Other Documentaries

- A Fall from Freedom
- Long Gone Wild
- Lolita: Slave to Entertainment

Specific Animals and Events

Lolita

- Bonnie Swift Tokitae podcast
- Lolita Slave to Entertainment

Keiko

- Free Willy
- Keiko the Untold Story
- A Whale of a Business
- Killing Keiko
- Free Willy Retro Report New York Times

Morgan

- Orca Morgan's life in captivity, Zembl Films
- Morgan—The Brave Orca, Loro Parque

Tilikum

- Blackfish
- Death at SeaWorld
- Killer in the Pool, Tim Zimmerman
- Blood in the Waters, Tim Zimmerman