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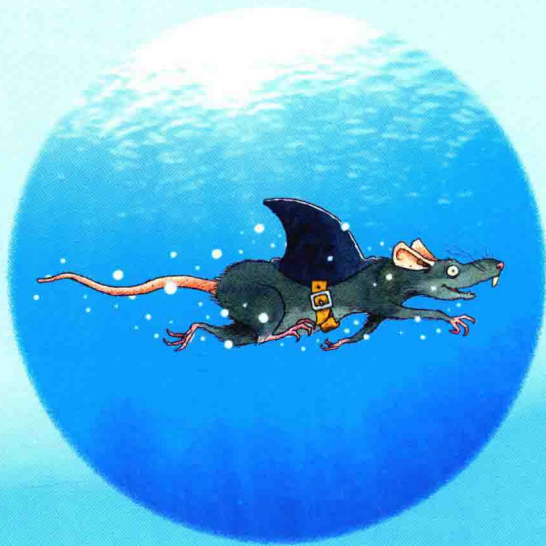




## 关于本书

一只名叫斯科拉奇的老鼠，带领我们一起去看看一些名声不好的动物，这些动物常常让人感到恐惧，但斯科拉奇会用事实向我们证明，其实这些动物并没有我们想象得那样可怕。

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## 阅读前

- 和孩子一起看一看这本书的封面，读一读封面上的英文书名。问孩子：What does *reputation* mean?  
(答案：what people think about a person or thing)  
再问孩子：Why might a rat have a bad reputation?  
(答案：Some people think rats are smelly and carry diseases.)
- 和孩子一起读一读目录旁边斯科拉奇说的话，说一说斯科拉奇认为什么是不公平的。
- 和孩子一起读一读目录，说一说为什么这些动物的名声不好。然后问孩子：Which animal do you think has the worst reputation?



## 阅读中

- 如果孩子在阅读的过程中不知道某个单词如何发音，教师或家长可以帮助孩子进行拼读，比如，可以帮助孩子把单词拆分为几个音。单词中如果包含不符合拼读规则的音，教师或家长也要给予指导。如果有必要，可以告诉孩子整个单词的发音。
- 本书中不符合拼读规则的单词：reputation, architects, pollinate, ultraviolet, carnivores, marsupials。
- 书中标粗体的单词是孩子在阅读过程中可能难以理解的单词，这些单词的解释请参考当页注释。

## 找一找

斯科拉奇用了哪些形容词来称赞这些名声不好的动物？从书中找出来（比如：talented, amazing）



Why are  
you freaking out?  
Yes, I'm a rat! That doesn't  
mean I'm bad. I've just got  
a bad **reputation**.

► reputation: what people think  
about a person or thing







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It's not fair!  
And it's not just me.  
There are loads of animals  
making humans scream. But  
we just want to  
be loved!

So try not to  
panic, and read on.  
Could you stop  
screaming now?

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# Shark Shock



**HORROR STORY:** A great white shark glides through the shallow water. Someone goes swimming. A dark fin pokes up through the waves.

Then there's lots of kicking and screaming and ... well, I don't want to put you off your jam tart.

So – why stick up for sharks?



Well, they're not that bad. OK, they do kill about 15 people a year – but mostly by mistake. Divers and surfers look a bit like tasty seals. Sharks sometimes get confused and chew on them.



If someone walked by now,  
looking just like a bit of cake,  
you might bite them ...

So what's more dangerous than  
a shark?

Um ... stairs?

Yes. When it comes to stairs,  
you humans are hopeless.  
Hundreds of people are killed  
falling down stairs every year.  
You should grow a tail  
for balance, like me!



## SCRATCH FACT

Some sharks can smell  
a single drop of blood in  
an area of water the size  
of a swimming pool.

## SCRATCH TIP

Don't put a  
shark in your  
swimming pool.



# Roaches Rock!



Nothing SCUTTLES like a cockroach!

Into houses ... into hotels ... making humans scream.

But why? Cockroaches don't bite. But they'll scoff anything. In fact, they're a lot like you. They are! Scientists say they love sweets so much, they dribble when they smell them.

*(And now you're dribbling, too.  
Ugh. Please stop it.)*





There are around 4000 types of cockroach but only about 25 are the kind that come indoors and dribble. They can spread diseases ...

... but they are amazing.

Don't believe me?

Check out these facts!

## SCRATCH FACT

The Madagascan hissing cockroach is like a walking set of bagpipes. It has holes down its body which it squeezes air through, making a hissing sound.

## SCRATCH FACT

Some cockroaches can survive without food for six weeks or more. And scientists have shown that some cockroaches can live without their heads for two weeks.

## SCRATCH TIP

Don't try to live without your head for two weeks. It doesn't work for humans.





# Wonderful Wasps

“WONDERFUL? Wasps?! Are you completely, eyeball-poppingly BONKERS?!” you shout.

Calm down. And stop making that face!

Fair enough – wasps can:

- fly around your face
- angrily headbutt windows when trapped indoors
- bring their mates to your picnic without asking
- sting.



## SCRATCH FACT

Nearly all wasps are female and they're the ones that sting.



But wasps are the insect world's most talented **architects**. Here's what they can build with bits of wood that they've chewed up and spat out:

A wasp house. Beautiful, eh?



Wasps helpfully **pollinate** plants. Wasps are food for birds. And – when you look at them closely – wasps are quite good-looking.

### SCRATCH TIP

Don't flap at a wasp today. Sing a song and back away.

- ▶ architects: people who design buildings
- ▶ pollinate: to put pollen from one flower into another flower. This makes new flowers grow.

Go on – admit it.  
I'm pretty.



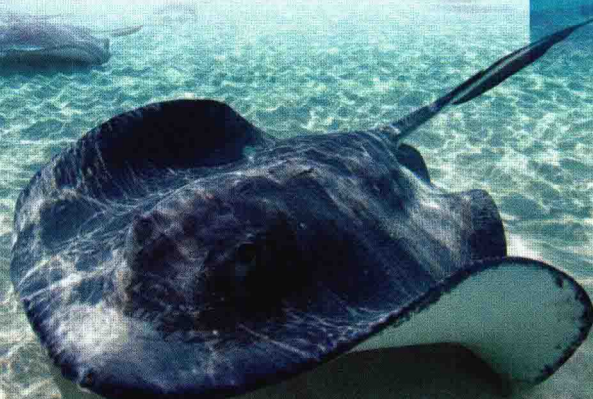
# Stupendous stingrays

Do you like swimming? I do. Rats are brilliant swimmers. Now meet an even better swimmer.

STINGRAYS! They hide in the sand on the seabed, then whoosh up and flap through the water like weird birds. Stingrays have a nasty sting on their tails.

## SCRATCH FACT

Stingrays hunt by smell and feel. Their eyes are on top of their heads so they can detect predators above them.







OK – they have killed people.

But nowhere near as many as sharks – and stairs. (*Remember those killer stairs?!*)

There are around 200 different types of stingray. They can be as small as your hand or bigger than an adult! Stingrays eat crabs and shellfish.

They are quite shy, although some stingrays will let divers hand-feed them. In aquariums, some stingrays even swim up to get their backs scratched!

## SCRATCH TIP

Don't try to hide in sand on the seabed unless you're a stingray.

And if you are a stingray, what are you doing reading this book?! The pages will get soggy!



# Webby Wonders



► antivenom: a special medicine made to cure you if you're bitten by a snake, a spider or a scorpion

AAAWWWW! Look at his little furry face!  
He's not scary! He's like a teddy bear!  
An eight-eyed, eight-legged teddy bear.

But in some countries maybe you should be scared of spiders.

In Australia, Sydney funnel-web spiders have fangs that can bite right through a toenail. They are one of the world's deadliest spiders. There's **antivenom** for their bite, though, so most human victims survive.