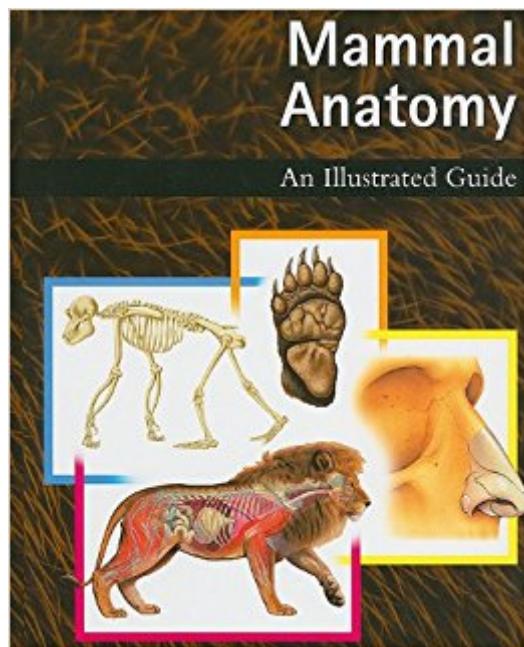


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The content is not as inclusive, or as detailed, as I had expected for the price. Chiropterans [bats]

are not included. They are the second most successful order of mammals [Rodentia being the most successful] and their anatomy is worthy of mention. For example, a discussion of their hindlimb orientation would be most valuable since their hindlimbs are rotated 180 degrees from most mammals, requiring pelvic as well as femoral adaptations. I am looking for a more comprehensive comparative anatomy source, or sources, for mammals as well as for amphibians, reptiles and birds.

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