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Jim Flegg's texts inform and engross the reader as he develops each theme and exhibit a synergism with the Hoskings' pictures, and his inspired choice of examples show what can be done when a genuine expert has real writing ability. Flegg particularly enjoys comparing animal achievements with man's unprepossessing efforts in the same direction, and this interest forms the recurrent burden of his series. Builders range from the water spider with its own private diving-bell to the mallee fowl playing thermostat to its compost-heap incubator, and the humpback whale with its sonar scanner and the arctic tern flying from pole to pole are just two of the travellers. The pit-digging ant-lion and the umbrella-making black heron hunt ants and fish far more effectively than we do, and co-operation between ox-peckers and their hosts and between honey-guide and honey-badger provides mutual benefit with a natural equity that we struggle to achieve. As well as being highly professional these are highly entertaining and, if it needs saying, spot on for project work.

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