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There's an old African story which explains that hippos leave the water at night to eat grass so that God knows they're not eating his beloved fishes which, it being dark, he can't see. Actually, Penny tells us here, hippos are total vegetarians and would love to feed in the daytime but are martyrs to sunburn. That's just one of the reasons why animals come out at night; others include freedom from competition, abundance of food, and predator-avoidance. Here is a fascinating array of night-creatures all of which display a particular aptitude for noctambulation. Penny examines this variety and shows how different creatures are adapted both physically and behaviourally to life in the dark. From the bat's sonar to the kiwi's supersensitive sense of smell (it's one of only three bird species that can smell at all), from the feely-fingers of the raccoon to the male vapourer moth's enslavement to the female pheromones, all demonstrate the precious principle of adaptation for successful survival This is an absorbingly entertaining not to mention instructive, read with a lot of good pictures - just what an information book should be.

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