



Picture Books

**Can We Save the Tiger?**

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The extraordinary pencil-and-oil-paint renderings of animals gigantic and tiny are worth the price of this important book about endangered species. The writer is a conservationist and the artist worked as a zookeeper; their straightforward message about valuing our cultural treasures comes from the heart. We learn why Indian farmers kill tigers, the mating patterns of vultures, why we need them, and why they're not long for this world. Examples of now-extinct species (dodo) are countered by hopeful stories about those saved by human intervention (American bison). This message is intended to inspire readers to action. Ages four to eight.