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THE BIG BOOK ON ANIMAL RIGHTS

The book is divided into two parts: the adventurous story of a child, who guides the animal revolution and an educational section, which contains activities and ideas to **raise awareness on the importance of animal rights among children**, parents and teachers.

The hero of the story is Leonardo, a ten-year-old boy who lives in Rome and has the special gift of being able to talk with animals. He gets involved in a revolutionary movement, lead by a group of animals called FREENOW and he becomes its spokesperson, who advocates for his animal friends and negotiates with the Italian government. With the help of Peter Parker the spider, Placida the bear, Gianna the mole and many

others, he will fight to help all the animals of the world.

This is not only a thrilling story, but also a journey through our own feelings to discover that we do indeed have a lot in common with the animal world.

The second part of the book provides parents and teachers with **ideas and activities** to create discussions on the topic of animal rights. The Big Book on Animal Rights helps us realize that in order to understand animals we only need the willingness to look them in the eye and it teaches us that everyone can make a contribution to help them.

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