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and how they feed; Generalists and specialists; Reducing competition; Forest foraging niches; Roosting sites; Open habitats  
 Treeless habitats Mines, cliffs, cracks and crevices; Darwin's mozzie munchers; The price of gold and Ghost Bats; One in a crowd; Tree and foliage roosts; Life in the fog - Flute-nosed Bats; Bird nest thieves - Golden-tipped Bats; Tree hollows, bark and buildings; Life in the Pandanus; Old wooden bridges; Chapter 6: Trials and tribulations of being a bat; Predators and mortality; Predators; Mortality; Shooting; Poisoning; Cave disturbance; Conservation; Impacts of climate change; Travelling south - a global warming effect?; Chapter 7: Bats in history and in our lives today  
 Bats of the past - fossil history Biogeography; Bats and people; First Australians; Bats in Australian prehistory - the Bradshaw flying-fox and boabs; Bats and our explorers; Human interactions; Bats in houses; Diseases and parasites; Impacts of urbanisation; Bats in care; Contributions to research; Bat houses; Batty tales and busted myths; Early days of embarrassment; The 'bats in your hair' myth; Bat penises in the kitchen; Freezer surprises; The bat in the shower; Myths about bat anatomy and behaviour; Chapter 8: Facts about bats and species profiles; Important facts about bats  
 How big are microbats? Australian bat families; Megabats; Sheath-tailed bats; Ghost bat; Horseshoe bats; Leaf-nosed bats; Bentwing bats; Evening bats; Free-tail bats; Further reading and study; List of photographers; Glossary; Index

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Sommario/riassunto

This is the first book on Australian bats that focuses on their natural history. It describes the bioregions, describe what bats do in them and the ecosystem services that they provide. The book features a description of the 80.90 species in Australia, a section on bat myths and stories and rock art from indigenous Australians.

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