

Animals in African Art: From the Familiar to the Marvelous By Allen F. Roberts **Animal symbolism in african art** Why is it that from the astounding diversity of life-forms in Africa so very few animals are chosen as subjects of visual and performative arts? Why are the animals that do appear repeatedly in African art so often so downright peculiar - even preposterous? And why do zoomorphic masks figures and other objects almost always refer to human being and purpose? In other words why and how are animals such a useful if purposefully distorting mirror of humanity? What does it mean to become a hyena or an eland by donning a mask or entering a trance? Indeed what does it mean to be human or animal in the first place? Answers to such questions are by no means as readily forthcoming as one might assume. **Book animals in african art pdf** Emphasis is placed on the plural of this last word for African systems of thought differ from one ethnic group to another and often within each culture from one interpreter to another. **Animals in African Art pdf reader** There is certainly no easy explanation of why animals like snakes and penguins appear over and over again in the art of many peoples across the African continent while others like rhinos zebras and giraffes rarely if ever do.

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Animal images are so common in African art and their meanings and purposes assumed to be so obvious that they are taken for granted: **African animals art ideas** Indeed Animals in African Art is the first major book wholly dedicated to the subject. **Book animals in african art pdf** Once the animals in African art are looked at more closely important questions arise. **Animals in African artzo** To understand why and how some animals are so good to think (as well as good to eat) requires wending one's way along the sinuous paths of African logics. **Animals in African artvue glass** Different sense is also attributed to a given animal symbol by the same people through the course of time: **Animals in african artm masks** Animals in African Art is a celebration of African cultural diversity then as well as the brilliance with which ideas are given form through plastic and performative arts. **Book animals in african art pdf** Animals in African Art: From the Familiar to the Marvelous

