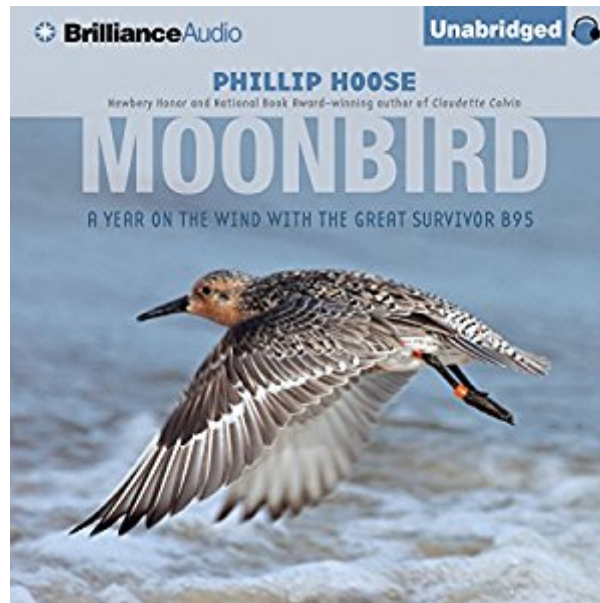




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Moonbird: A Year On The Wind With The Great Survivor B95



Synopsis

Meet rufa red knot B95. Scientists call him the Moonbird because, in the course of his astoundingly long lifetime, this robin-sized shorebird has flown the distance to the moon - and halfway back! Each February he joins a flock that lifts off from Tierra del Fuego, headed for breeding grounds in the Canadian Arctic, 9,000 miles away. Late in the summer, he begins the return journey. B95 can fly for days, but eventually he must descend to refuel and rest. However, recent changes at stopover sites along his migratory circuit - changes caused mostly by human activity - have reduced the food available and made it harder for the birds to reach. During B95's lifetime, the worldwide rufa population has collapsed by nearly 80 percent. Still, the Moonbird wings on; he is now nearly 20 years old. Shaking their heads, scientists ask themselves: How can this one bird make it year after year when so many others fall? National Book Award-winning author Phillip Hoose shows the obstacles rufa red knots face, introduces a worldwide team of scientists and conservationists trying to save them, and offers insights about what we can do to help shorebirds before it's too late. With inspiring prose, thorough research, and stirring images, Hoose explores the tragedy of extinction through the triumph of a single bird.

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Customer Reviews

This great book has it all: travel, history, science, a mystery, romance, photos, maps -- you name it, this brief book has it. I loved the story of B95, an apparently very determined rufa red knot with the very best athletic genes. I had never before heard of this small shorebird so it was great fun to read and learn and cheer him on in his amazing travels. He has certainly captured the hearts of the scientists who study him, as he has mine and probably the hearts and best wishes of everyone who

reads about him and his determination to fly from pole to pole -- 18,000 miles! -- each and every year for food and light and mating. This book represents the best in American education and should be widely read and studied. Since WE have so brazenly damaged so much of the environment, adversely affecting not only ourselves but most other animal and plant life, we must make it right. We have to rectify these many problems to the best of our ability since we are our best hope for all species of life in this world, and this book gently shows us the way and makes us care.

Anyone who enjoys spending time out of doors observing the wonders of nature will want to read this book. Whether you have never heard of a red knot before, or are already familiar with the plight of the red knot *rufa* sub-species, this book leave you hoping and praying for the survival of these amazing shorebirds. "Moonbird" tells the remarkable story of B95, a red knot who survives against all odds. Mr. Hoose's factual account of the challenges facing the red knot combined with his beautiful prose make this book an educational and engaging read. The profiles of those who are working tirelessly to save the species are truly inspiring. This book is the perfect gift for anyone who cares about the fate of the creatures who share our planet.

Loved this book about an amazing individual Red Knot (shorebird) and its semi-annual arctic-antarctic migrations. Interesting for both adults and children (I've got family members ages 8, 17, 50, and 80+ who were riveted to the book). Apart from explaining the story of the capturing, banding and recapturing (multiple times) of this particular individual nicknamed "Moonbird", it also includes (mostly in sidebars or boxes) lots of interesting facts about migration, shorebirds, scientific studies and methods, etc. Plenty of nice pictures and very well-written. Good for anyone interested in science and the natural world.

Great book about an incredible bird. Perfect mix of facts, background and action. You learn a good deal about a wonderful bird - you feel as though you were with the flock on their long migrations.

This book -- geared toward teenagers -- a very interesting and readable. It covers the story of the extraordinary Red Knot nicknamed "Moonbird," and also discusses the plights of the species in general. Maps and other information relevant to the migratory path of the Red Knot are depicted in the book. Hlghly recommended.

When I purchased this book I did not realize it was for young adult readers. Initially I was

disappointed but then I decided to read it with that audience in mind. I thought it was a very interesting and well written story. The subject was inspiring and the educational information was presented in an interesting to read style. The author created a drama that kept you enthralled and made him seem like a person you would want to get to know. I think adolescents and young adults interested in the environment and birds would be captivated and want to participate in conservation efforts after reading Moonbird. I highly recommend this book.

Fantastic book! My whole family read it before. I bought this one for a friend.

Phillip Hoose has distilled a lot of B 95 's life journeys and has kept the story telling alive and well. We follow this almost mythical being as it logs its way from the southern to northern hemisphere and back again for almost two decades and counting. I kept asking myself how does this happen? I know there are a lot of theories about migration, star navigation, electromagnetic forces, genetic diversification, global warming, and a lot of research continues...but how does this happen??? If you love birds and birding, if love nature and the natural world we all inhabit I think you will love this book and want to pass it on to the next generation who will be the stewards of hopefully a better world...Aloha, Joe

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