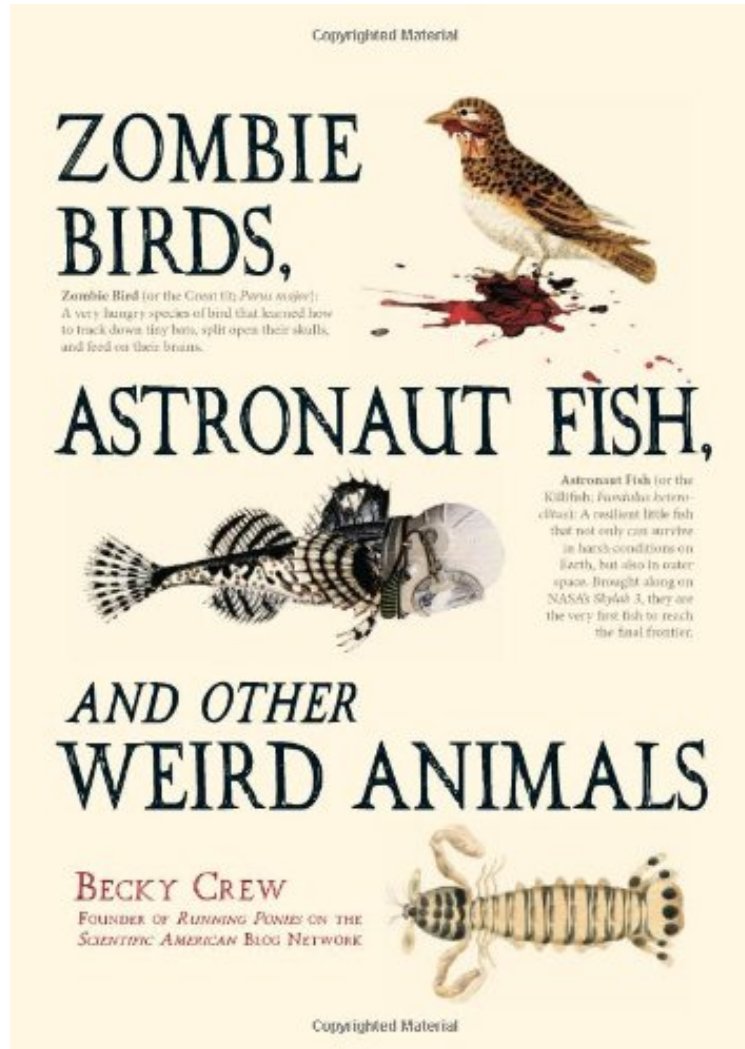


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"Crew's *Zombie Birds* stands out for its rowdy zest and fine choice of creatures. As in her acclaimed blog *Running Ponies*, chapters pair brisk explanations of phenomena with fictional interludes." - *ScienceNewsAbout the Author* Becky Crew is an award-winning science writer. Her blog, *Running Ponies* (<http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/running-ponies/>), blends science fact with humorous wit, and is part of the *Scientific American* blog network. It was voted Best Australian Science Blog in 2010 and her writing was included in the 2011 collection of *The Best Australian Science Writing*. She is the former online editor of Australia's leading science magazine, *Cosmos*.