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"The impressive philosophical force of the arguments for animal liberation seems to be somewhat detached from reality and its struggles. One must thus welcome the appearance of a book that not only reweaves theory and practice, but also gives centre stage to problems of implementation, or even of strategy."--**Paola Cavalieri, *Iyyun***

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"Ethics and the Beast is a significant contribution to the literature on animals and how we should treat them. It introduces new and distinctive arguments in an important area of applied ethics. It seeks to show that it is possible to reach radical conclusions about the treatment of animals--that we should not eat them, or use them in biomedical research--while using arguments that, for the most part, take our common attitudes as they are."--**Peter Singer, author of *Animal Liberation***

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"Ethics and the Beast is a breath of fresh air in a controversy that has sometimes become a bit stale. This freshness is both a matter of style and content. As far as style goes, the book is very readable, short, and sometimes even punchy. The book takes a relatively uncommon line, and its coverage is quite broad."--**Dale Jamieson, author of *Morality's Progress: Essays on Humans, Other Animals, and the Rest of Nature***

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