



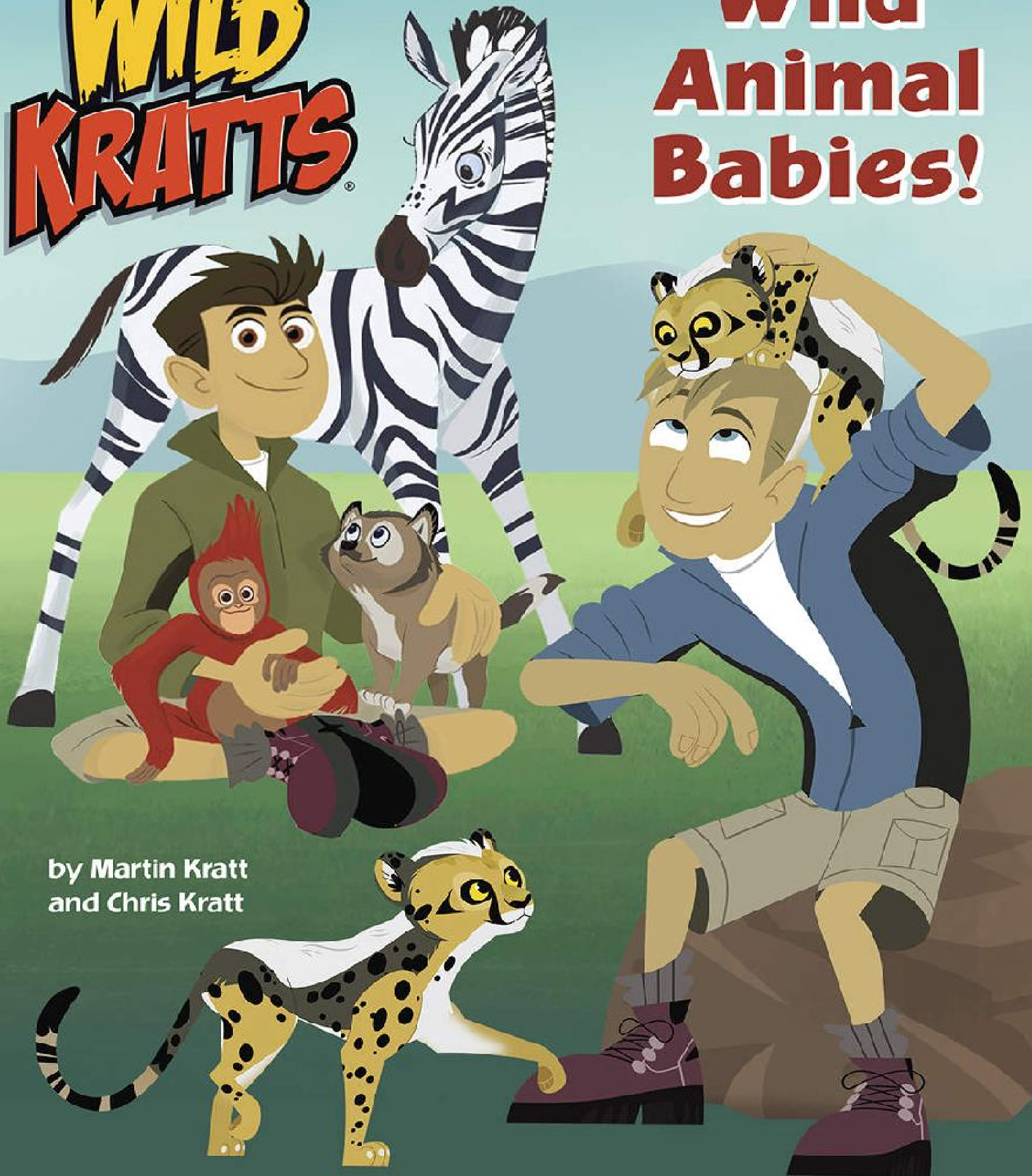
STEP INTO READING®

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WILD KRATTS

Wild Animal Babies!

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Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**

• big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues
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• chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art
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STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides; children will progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!



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Hey, it's us,
the Kratt Brothers.

I'm Martin.

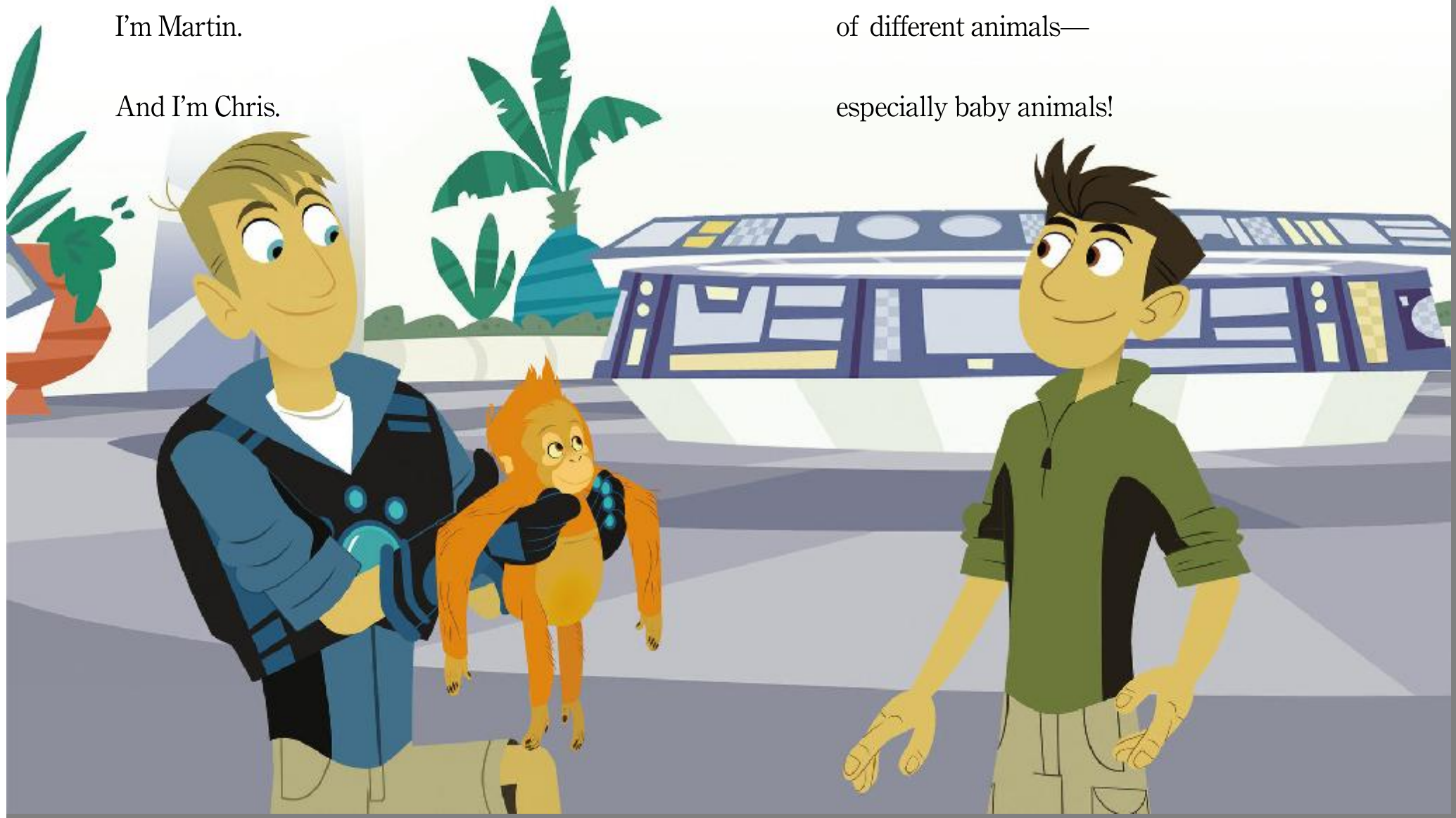
And I'm Chris.

We love learning about

the Creature Powers

of different animals—

especially baby animals!



Animal babies
aren't just cute.

They play and practice
every day to learn
about their amazing

Creature Powers!

Let's go meet some of our
favorite baby animals
in the wild!



Giant Pandas!

Stuffo has to learn
how to eat bamboo.

He practices holding it
with a thumb-like pad
while he chews.



“Thanks for the hug,
Stuffo,” says Martin.

Zebras!

Zebra babies like Maze
are called foals.

Maze was ready to run
on the day she was born.



“And here’s why!”

Chris shouts.

“Hungry lions are coming!

Let’s get out of here fast!”



Orangutans!

Orangutan babies have
strong feet and hands.

They spend most of
their lives in the trees.

They have to hang on tight.

“You have quite a grip!”

says Chris.



Cheetahs!

Spotswat learns to climb
with his mom
to get a better look around.
Cheetahs watch out
for dinner—and danger!



A cheetah cub's favorite

game is chase!

When Spotswat grows up,

he will have to hunt

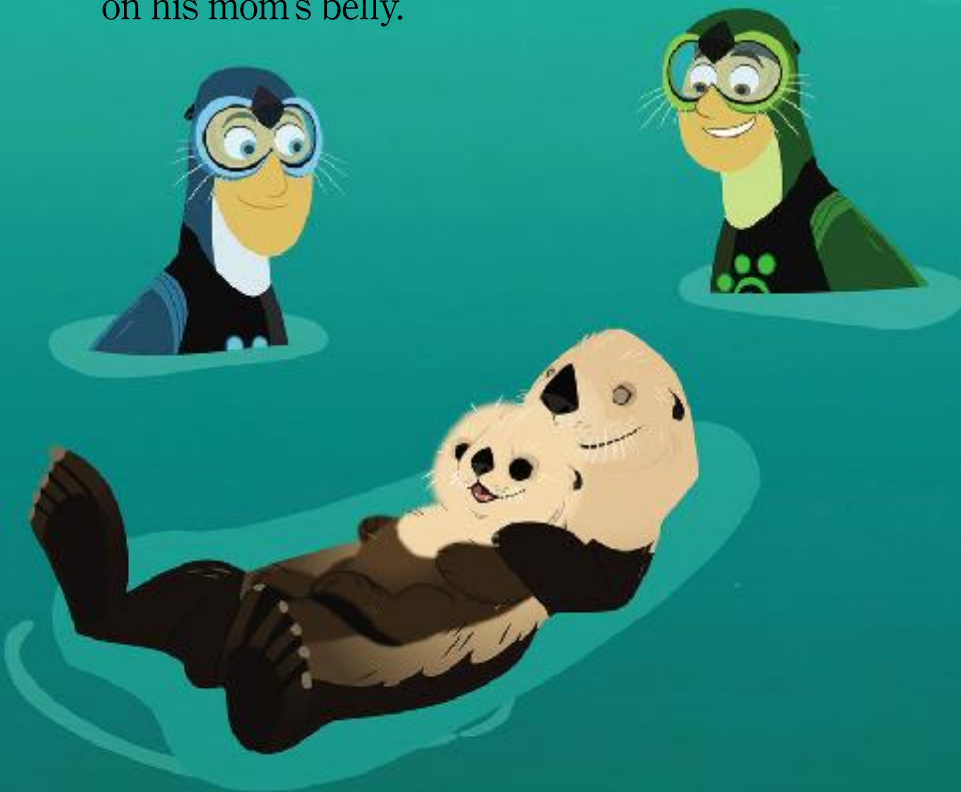
for his own dinner.



Sea Otters!

Sea otter pups learn to float
when they are very little.

Cork can also take a rest
on his mom's belly.



Cork is a good swimmer.

His thick fur keeps him
warm in the cold water.



Spider

Monkeys!

Grabsy is learning
a special kind of swinging
called brachiation.
She moves hand over hand
through the trees.

Spider monkeys can
swing very fast!
“Go, Grabsy, go!”
shout the brothers.

Wolves!

Howler made his first howl
when he was six weeks old.

Howling helps a wolf pack
talk to each other
and stay together.



Arrrrhooooo!

"I hear you howling,"

Martin tells Chris.

Ring-Tailed Lemurs!

Clingon rides on

her mom's back

while she is young.

She has to hold on tight.



Mom runs and jumps

from tree to tree.

She takes care of Clingon

until she can survive

on her own.



Our animal friends play

to practice their special

Creature Powers.

What Creature Power

will you practice today?





The Kratt brothers use their Creature Powers to creep, crawl, and cuddle with amazing baby animals and learn how they survive in the wild!



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