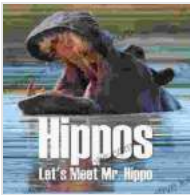


Hippo For Children: An Animal Encyclopedia For Kids

Hippos are one of the most fascinating animals on the planet. They are huge, powerful, and yet surprisingly gentle. In this animal encyclopedia for kids, you will learn everything you ever wanted to know about hippos, from their physical characteristics to their behavior and habitat. You will also find stunning images of hippos in their natural environment.



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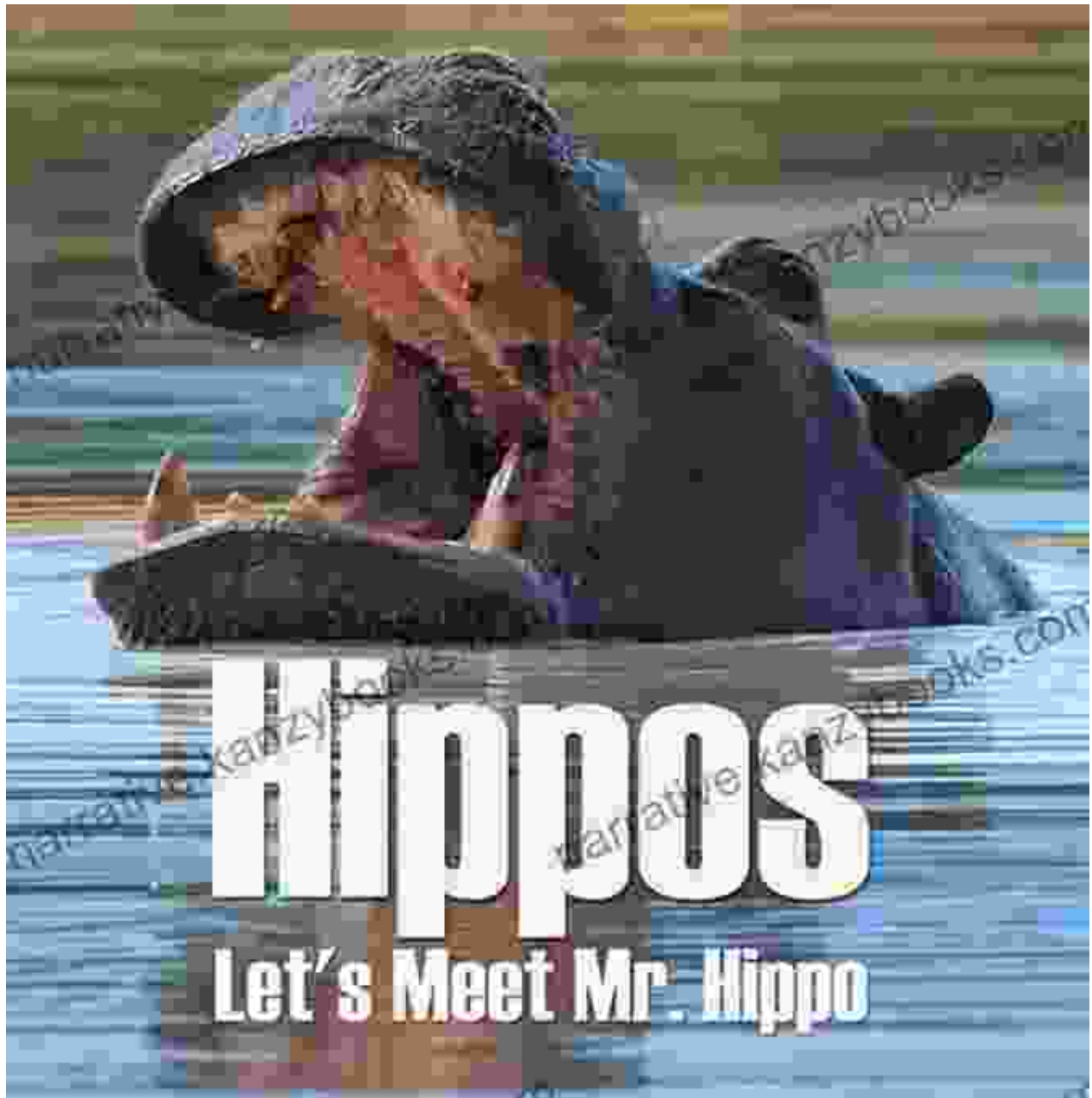
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Physical Characteristics

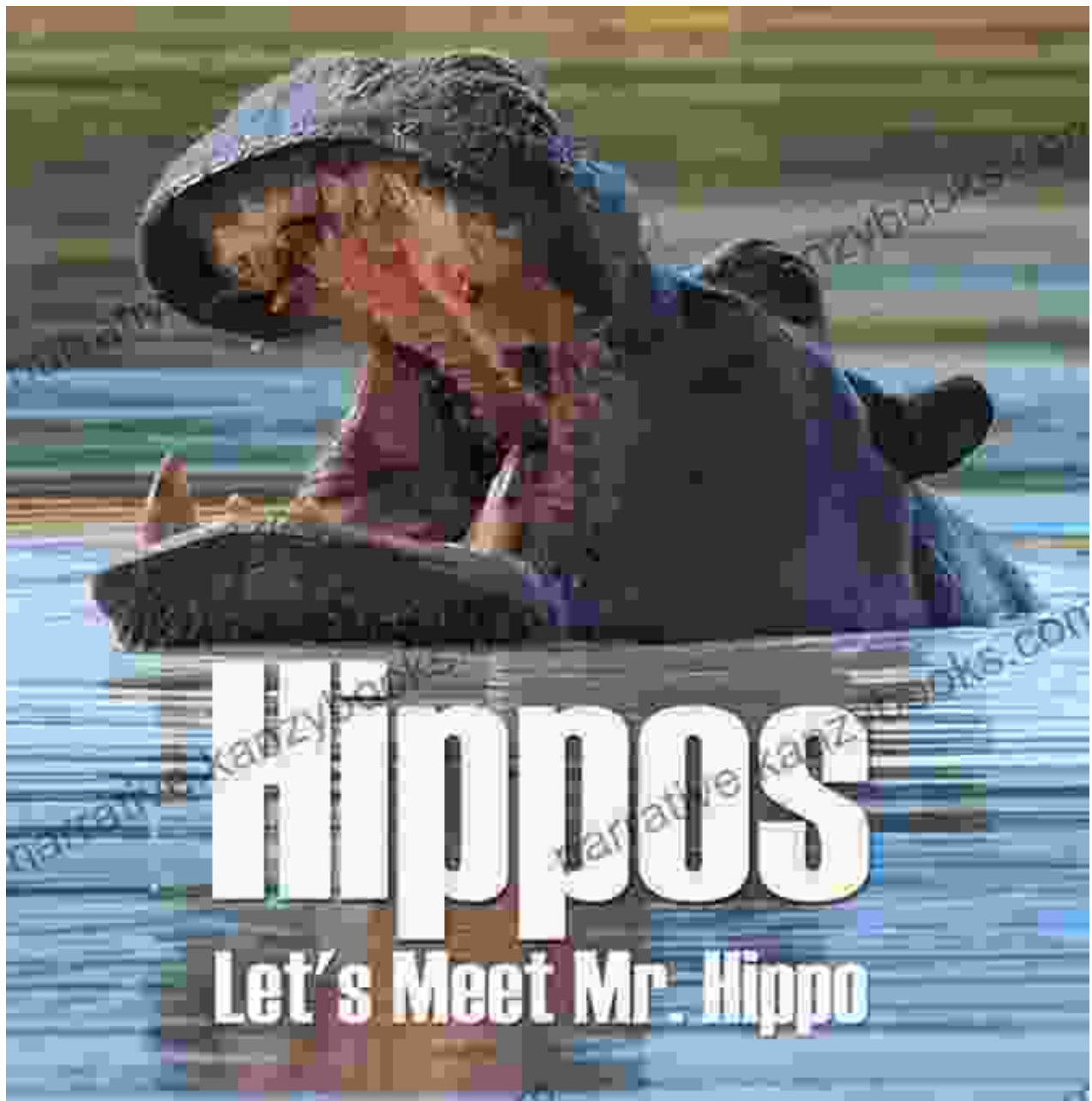
Hippos are the third largest land mammals, after elephants and rhinoceroses. They can weigh up to 8,000 pounds and stand up to 5 feet tall at the shoulder. Hippos have a large, barrel-shaped body with short, thick legs. Their skin is thick and hairless, and it secretes a oily substance that helps to protect it from the sun. Hippos have large, wide mouths with powerful jaws and tusks. Their teeth can grow up to 2 feet long.



Behavior

Hippos are semi-aquatic animals, meaning they spend a lot of time in the water. They are excellent swimmers and divers, and they can stay underwater for up to 5 minutes at a time. Hippos are also very social animals, and they live in large herds of up to 100 individuals. They are

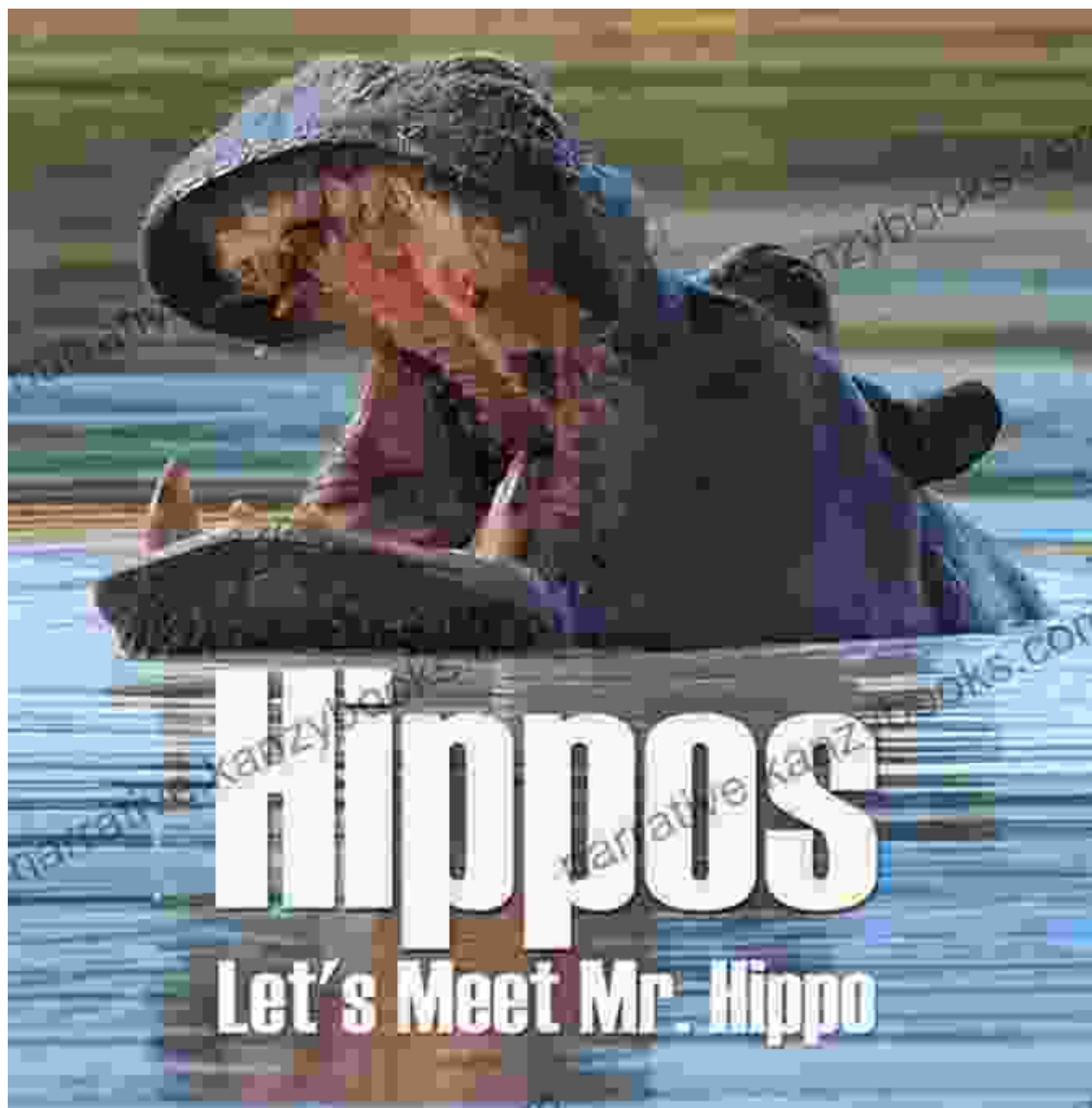
territorial animals, and they will defend their territory from other hippos and other animals.



Hippo behavior

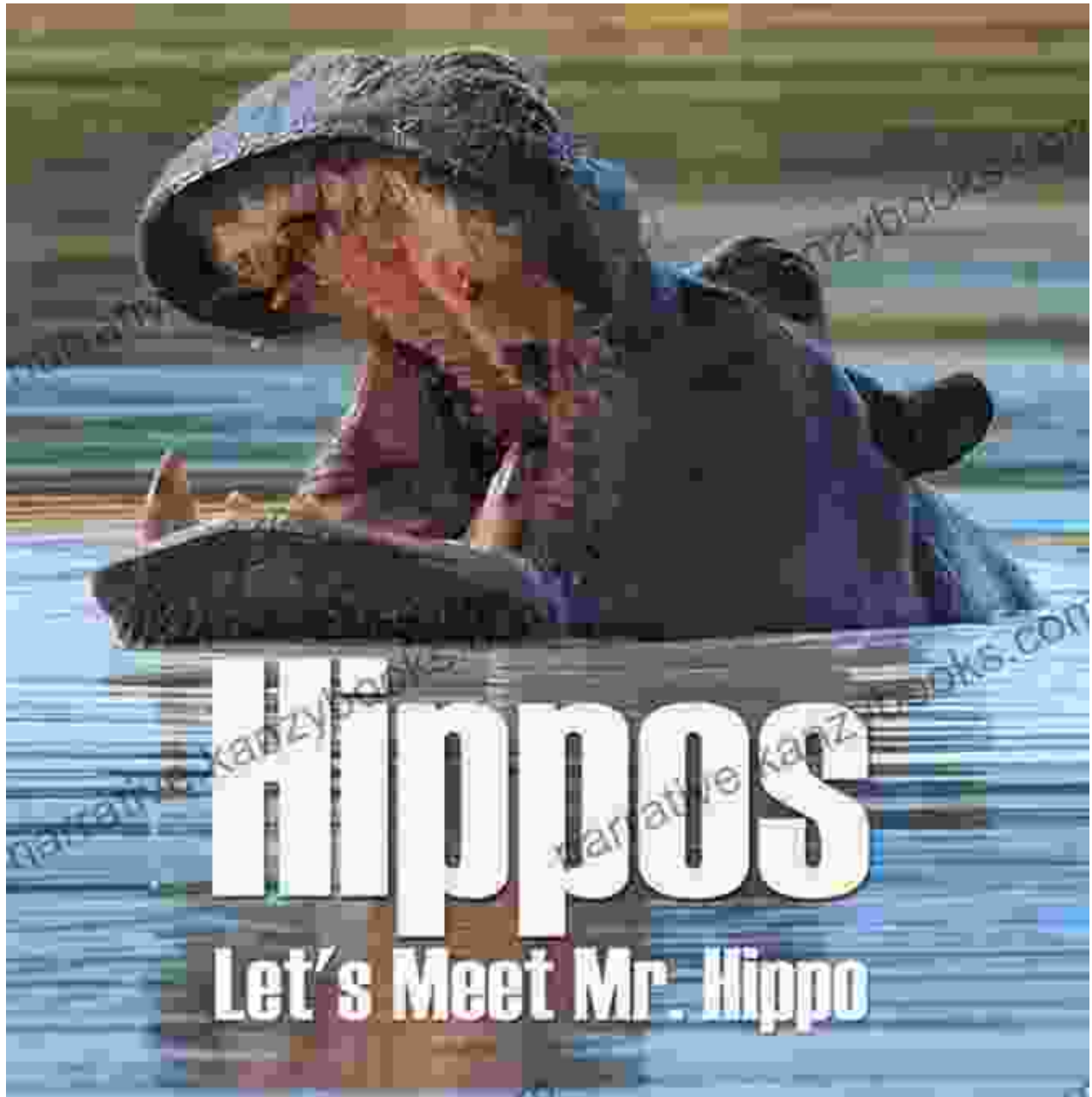
Habitat

Hippos are native to Africa, and they are found in freshwater habitats such as rivers, lakes, and swamps. They prefer to live in areas with dense vegetation, where they can find food and shelter. Hippos are also found in some zoos and wildlife parks around the world.



Diet

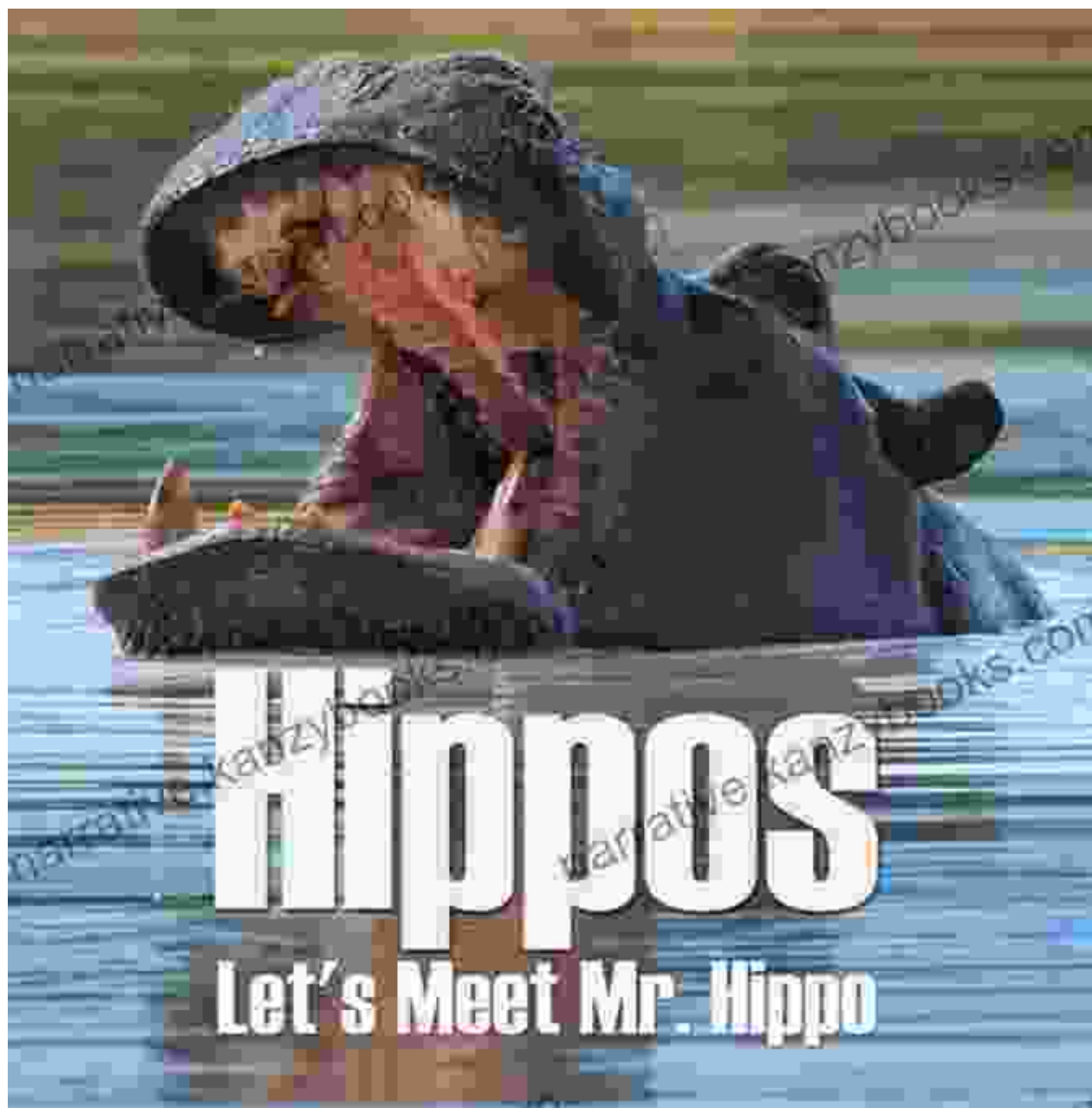
Hippos are herbivores, and they eat a variety of plants, including grasses, leaves, and fruits. They are also known to eat aquatic plants and algae. Hippos can eat up to 100 pounds of food per day.



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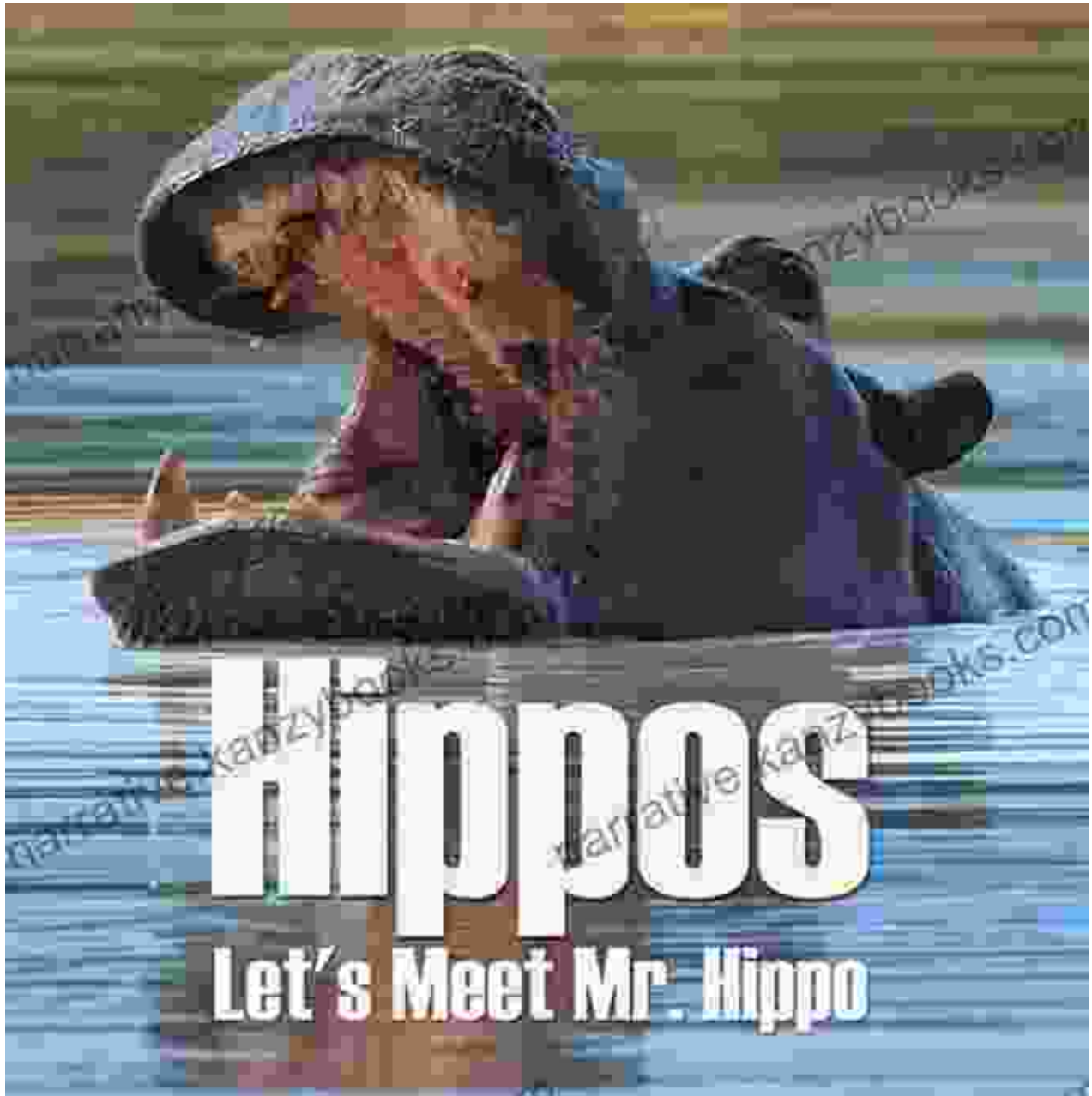
Reproduction

Hippos reach sexual maturity at around 7 years of age. They mate in the water, and the gestation period is about 8 months. Hippos usually give birth to a single calf, which weighs about 100 pounds. The calf is born underwater, and it stays with its mother for up to 3 years.



Conservation

Hippos are listed as a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Their populations are threatened by habitat loss, poaching, and disease. Hippos are also hunted for their meat and skin.

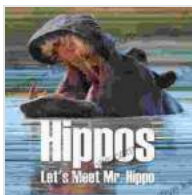


Hippo conservation

Fun Facts

- Hippos are the closest living relatives of whales and dolphins.
- Hippos can run up to 20 miles per hour on land.
- Hippos have a lifespan of up to 50 years.
- Hippos are one of the most dangerous animals in Africa. They are responsible for more human deaths than any other animal, except for crocodiles.
- Hippos are very intelligent animals, and they have been known to use tools.

Hippos are amazing creatures, and they are one of the most important animals in the African ecosystem. They are a keystone species, meaning they play a vital role in maintaining the health of their environment. Hippo For Children is the perfect book for young readers who want to learn more about these gentle giants



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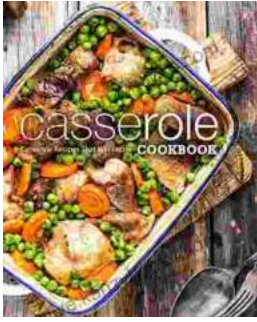
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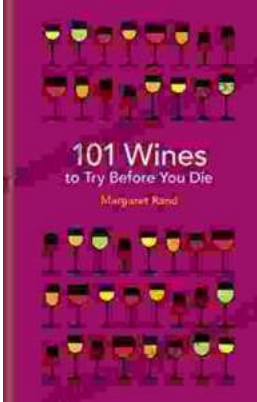
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