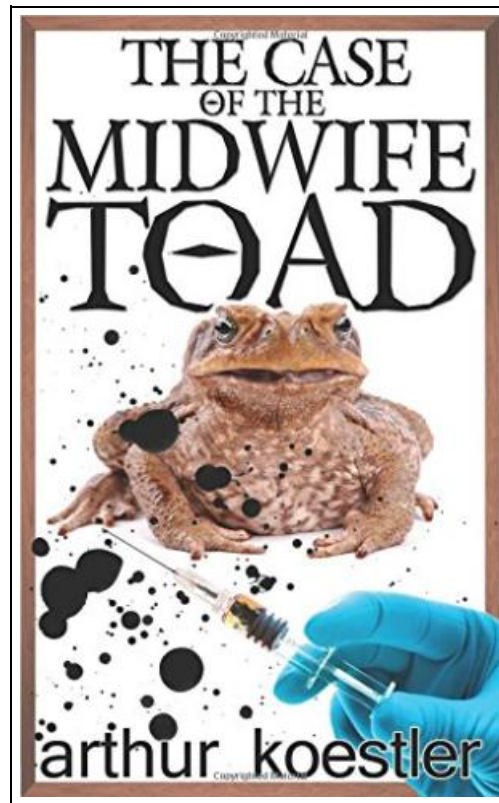


The Case of the Midwife Toad (Paperback)



Filesize: 7.78 MB

Reviews

*These kinds of ebook is almost everything and got me to seeking ahead of time plus more. It really is filled with wisdom and knowledge I discovered this book from my i and dad advised this publication to learn.
(Sonny Bergstrom)*

THE CASE OF THE MIDWIFE TOAD (PAPERBACK)

[DOWNLOAD](#)

Last Century Media, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. On September 23, 1926, and Austrian experimental biologist named Dr. Paul Kammerer blew his brains out on a footpath in the Austrian mountains. His suicide was the climax of a great evolutionary controversy which his experiments had aroused. The battle was between the followers of Lamarck, who maintained that acquired characteristics could be inherited, and the neo-Darwinists, who upheld the theory of chance mutations preserved by natural selection. Dr. Kammerer's experiments with various amphibians, including salamanders and the midwife toad (*Alytes obstetricans*), lent much weight to the Lamarckian argument and drew upon him the full fury of the orthodox neo-Darwinists. Arthur Koestler had known about Dr. Kammerer's work when he himself was a student in Vienna, and he has always been interested in this tragic story. He gives a fascinating description of the venomous atmosphere in which the battle was fought and of the lengths to which apparently respectable scholars would go to discredit their opponents. Heading the attack on Kammerer was a British scientist, William Bateson, who hinted that the Viennese's experiments were fakes, but who failed to examine the evidence, including the so-called nuptial pads of Kammerer's last remaining specimen of the midwife toad. It was a young American scientist who delivered the coup de grace; on a visit to Vienna, he discovered that the discoloration of the nuptial pads was due not to natural causes but to the injection of Indian ink. When his findings were published, Kammerer shot himself. Mr. Koestler, whose recent writings, in books such as *The Act of Creation* and *The Ghost in the Machine*, have been in part concerned with evolutionary theory, decided to investigate this old mystery. When he started...

[Read The Case of the Midwife Toad \(Paperback\) Online](#)[Download PDF The Case of the Midwife Toad \(Paperback\)](#)

See Also



The Case of the Hunchback Hairdresser Criss Cross Applesauce

Gallopade International. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 54 pages. Dimensions: 7.5in. x 5.0in. x 0.2in. When you purchase the Library Bound mystery you will receive FREE online eBook access! Carole Marsh Mystery Online eBooks are an...

[Save eBook »](#)



The Case of the Crybaby Cowboy Three Amigos

Gallopade International. No binding. Book Condition: New. Library Binding. 54 pages. Dimensions: 8.0in. x 5.3in. x 0.5in. When you purchase the Library Bound mystery you will receive FREE online eBook access! Carole Marsh Mystery Online eBooks...

[Save eBook »](#)



The Adventures of Sheriff Williker: /Book 1: The Case of the Missing Horseshoe

Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Kim Hansen (illustrator). large type edition. 216 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. A missing horseshoe for a prize winning...

[Save eBook »](#)



Weebies Family Halloween Night English Language: English Language British Full Colour

Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Children s Weebies Family Halloween Night Book 20 starts to teach Pre-School and...

[Save eBook »](#)



Bully, the Bullied, and the Not-So Innocent Bystander: From Preschool to High School and Beyond: Breaking the Cycle of Violence and Creating More Deeply Caring Communities

HarperCollins Publishers Inc, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 203 x 135 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. An international bestseller, Barbara Coloroso s groundbreaking and trusted guide on bullying-including cyberbullying-arms parents...

[Save eBook »](#)