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Memoirs of a Biologist, Coyotes Ate My Cat and Other Tales
by **Gail Fail, Ph.D.**

Those interested in reading engaging accounts of **scientific observations about a wide variety of plants and animals** will do well to read Dr. Fail's short essays. A bonus in this small treasure trove of information is Dr. Fail's habit of introducing people and incidents into each essay.

These are folk you will enjoy meeting, for all are eccentric, sometimes in bizarre ways.

In these pages you **will meet Daddy-Pop, the author's weird, brilliant, and often comical grandfather** whose love of plants and animals inspired Gail to give much of her life to studying biology.

Other essays tell of Gail Fail's siblings, who are all, she says, a bit odd. And there are other family members, friends, and colleagues whose life experiences get stirred into the **delightful stories and unusual facts about cats, water bears, Brewer's blackbirds, orb weavers, wild grapes, devil babies, and many other living things.**

Born in Venezuela into what she calls "a family of outrageous Texans," Gail Fail grew up in assorted places in Venezuela and Texas: El Tigrito, Puerto la Cruz, Corpus Christi, Beaumont. After moving to California, she earned a Ph.D. in biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Always a lover of biological sciences (her master's degree is in botany), she spent much of her life studying whatever creatures she came across, and she eventually turned her interests into a career teaching college courses in biology.

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This book examines

- > how a variety of wild Texas grapes once saved the entire wine crop of France
 - > a wooly slug that lives unnoticed in many of our yards, a creature that can inflict a painful sting if touched
 - > swamp rats as large as dogs, animals some Americans like to eat barbequed
 - > devil babies and Jerusalem crickets
- and much more

