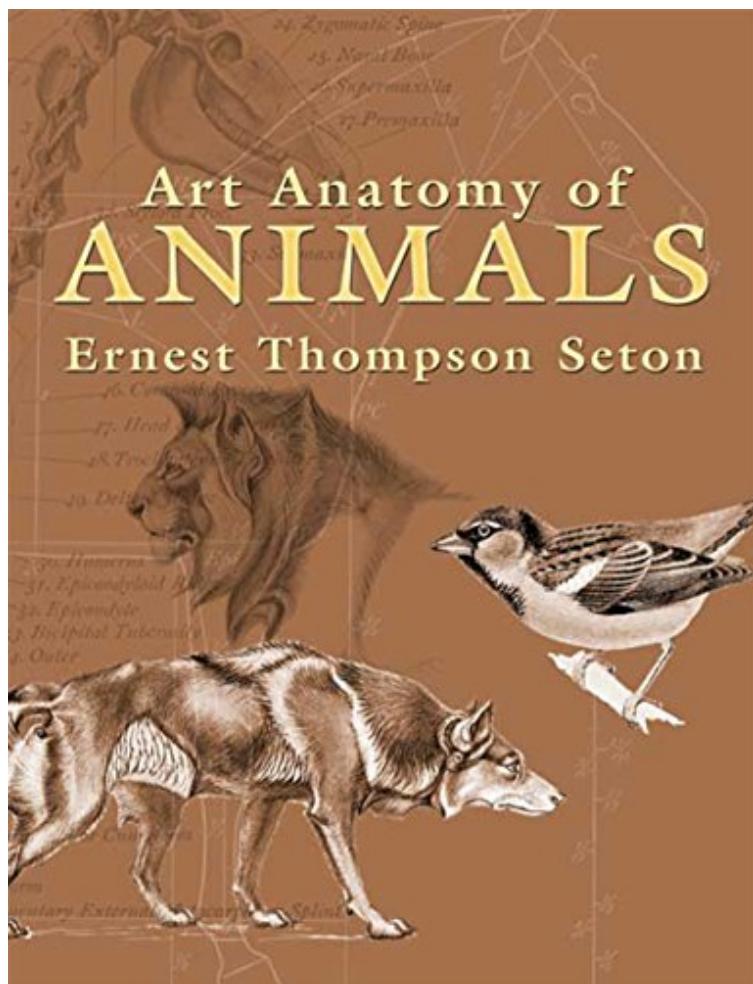


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About the AuthorErnest Thompson Seton (1860-1946) was a British-born author, wildlife artist, cofounder of the Boy Scouts of America, and an early pioneer of the modern school of animal fiction writing whose best-known book is "Wild Animals I Have Known."