

## Sneed B. Collard, III

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### About the Author

Sneed B. Collard, III has written more than 50 children's books about science, nature, and the environment. Collard was a biologist and a computer scientist before transitioning into the world of writing. He began writing after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in marine biology with honors. After earning a master's degree in scientific instrumentation, he continued writing and honing his craft.

Sneed Collard's writing and research have taken him to many parts of the world, including the Middle East, Asia, Australia, Central America, and his own backyard, Montana, where he currently resides.

Writer, speaker, and educator, Sneed Collard wants his readers to be empowered by their environment. Collard has received the Lud Browman Award for achievement in scientific writing. The Washington Post honored Collard with the Washington Post-Children's Book Guild 2006 Nonfiction Writer of Year Award for his body of work.

Sneed Collard has added two recent works of fiction--*Flash Point* and *Dog Sense*--to his writing accomplishments.

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**Suggested Activities**

*Beaks!* [K-2]

1. After students read *Beaks!* by Sneed Collard, direct them to “test their ‘beak-ability’” in the back of the book.
2. For additional information, students may visit the following web sites:  
<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/Birds/>  
<http://pbskids.org/fetch/parentsteachers/activities/act-eatlikeabird.html>.

*American Heroes Series* [K-4]

Note to Teacher: Each book contains features that will lend themselves to easy access to information: table of contents, important dates (time line), words to know, web sites, books, and places to visit.

After students read a book in the series, direct them to fill in the following table:

**Name to Fame**

Who	<i>John Adams</i>	<i>Benjamin Franklin</i>	<i>David Crockett</i>	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>	<i>Rosa Parks</i>	<i>Sacagawea</i>
When did he or she live?						
Where does or did he or she live?						
What does or did he or she do?						
Why it is important to know about him or her?						
What is an interesting fact about his or her life?						

*Science Adventure Series*

For more information on oceans, students may visit the following web sites:  
[www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/welcome.html](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/welcome.html)  
[www.mos.org/oceans/index.html](http://www.mos.org/oceans/index.html).