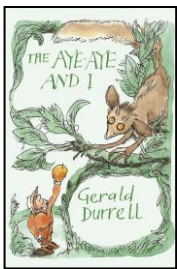


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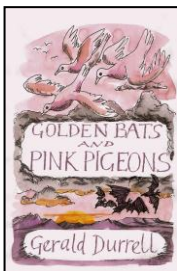
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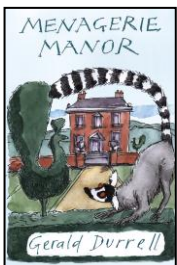
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About Gerald Durrell OBE (7th January 1925 – 30th January 1995)

Described by Sir David Attenborough as: "A renegade who was right truly a man before his time," Gerald Durrell was a naturalist, zookeeper, conservationist, author and television presenter. He founded what is now known as The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and the Jersey Zoo (now named Durrell Wildlife). As well as pioneering captive breeding programmes for endangered species, Gerald Durrell is best remembered by many people for his books based on his life-long love of animals. A more detailed biography is available on request from Elly Donovan: 01243 771107 / elly@summersdale.com

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