

# THE CORFU TRILOGY: THREE CLASSIC TALES OF CHILDHOOD ON AN ISLAND PARADISE



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The Corfu Trilogy consists of the popular classic, *My Family and Other Animals* and its delightful sequels, *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* and *The Garden of the Gods*. All three books are set on the enchanted island of Corfu in the 1930s, and tell the story of the eccentric English family who moved there. For Gerald, the budding zoologist, Corfu was a natural paradise, teeming with strange birds and beasts that he could collect, watch and care for. But life was not without its problems - his family often objected to his animal-collecting activities, especially when the beasts wound up in the villa or - even worse - the fridge. With hilarious yet endearing portraits of his family and their many unusual hangers-on, *The Corfu Trilogy* also captures the beginnings of the author's lifelong love of animals. Recounted with immense humour and charm, this wonderful account of Corfu's natural history reveals a rare, magical childhood. For the passionate zoologist, Corfu was a natural paradise, teeming with strange birds and beasts that he could collect, watch and care for. But life was not without its problems - Gerald's family often objected to his animal-collecting activities, especially when the beasts wound up in the family's villa or - even worse - the fridge.

Gerald Durrell evokes his island paradise with passion and wonder.