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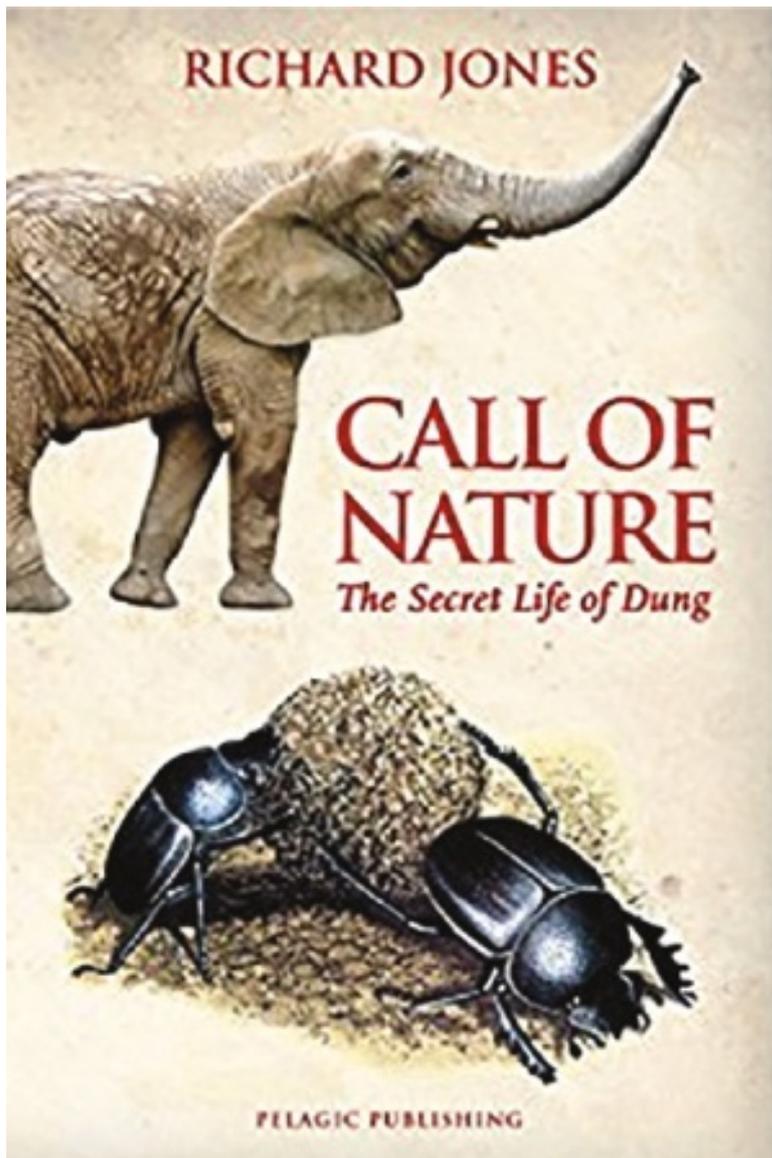
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Warning! This book *is* about the call of nature and employs some of the best scientific writing for clarity and interest that you could hope to encounter. With an elephant derrière on the spine of the book and 85 different definitions of poo (including that of whales) in the scatological dictionary, you might expect this book to be encyclopedic in its coverage of the natural history of dung and those creatures that use it in one form or another—and you would not be disappointed. This book explains in simple and often

hilarious language the production, chemistry, composition, and expulsion of excrement, and then provides an excellent treatise on the lifestyles of all those animals that interact with it as food, shelter, or hunting grounds. Jones explains that the fall of dung onto the ground is just the beginning of a complex process of reuse...

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