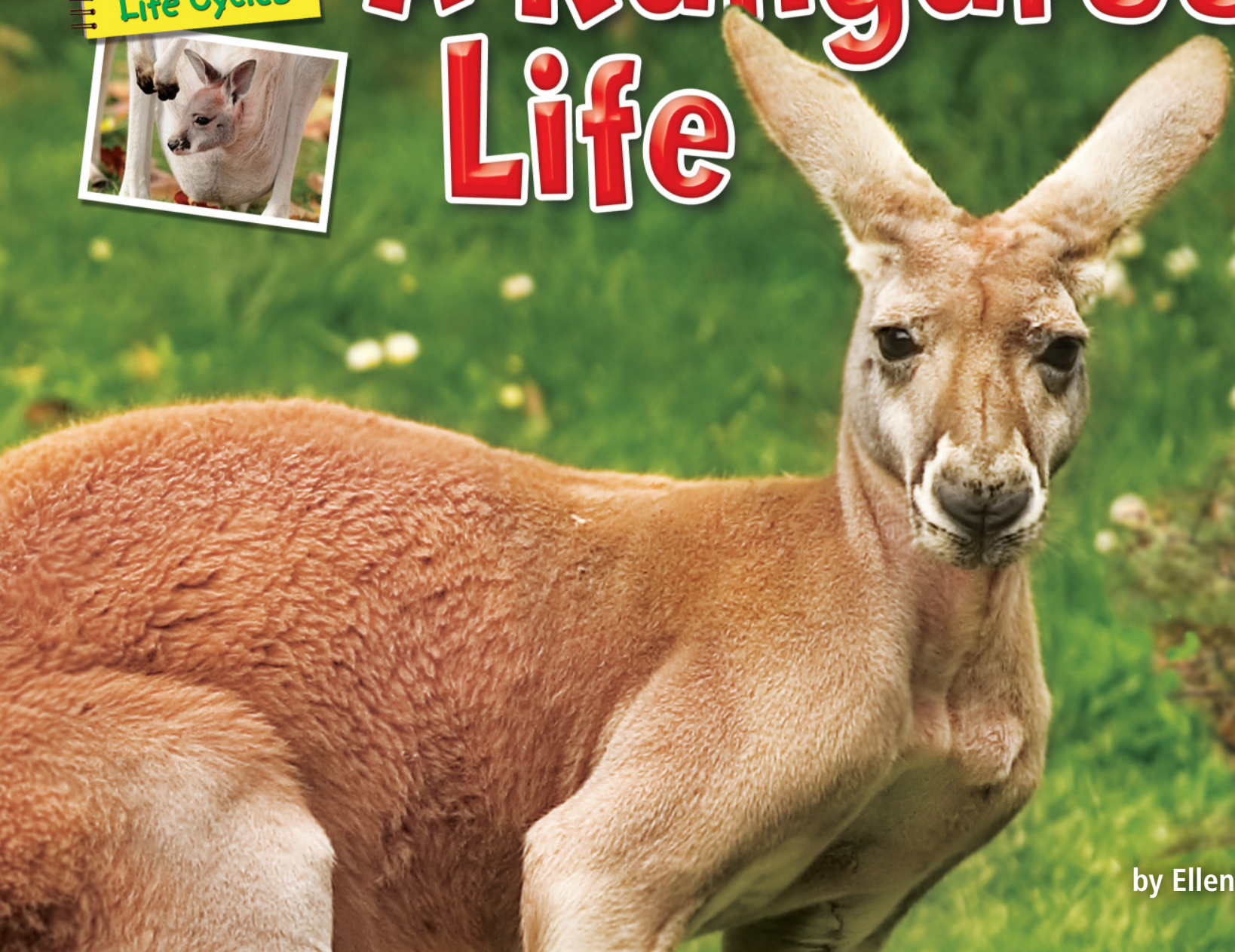
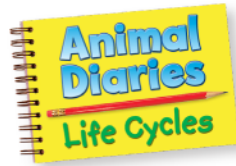


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Name: **David**

Date: **September 1**

Fighting Kangaroos!

Today, I saw two red kangaroos having a fight!

I live in Australia, and lots of kangaroos live near my family's farm.

My Aunt Annie knows a lot about kangaroos because she's a **veterinarian**.

Aunt Annie said the kangaroos were males.

They were fighting over who would get to **mate** with the females.



David



Where red kangaroos live in the wild

Red kangaroos live in the **wild in Australia. They live in dry, open places where there are bushes, grass, and only a few trees.**



Imagine one of your friends has never seen a kangaroo. Describe what a kangaroo looks like to your friend.

red kangaroos fighting



Date: **October 13**

A Lucky Baby

Yesterday, on the road near our farm, a car hit a female kangaroo.

She was taken to the animal rescue center where Aunt Annie works.

Aunt Annie looked her over and said that the animal was not hurt badly.

She also said that the kangaroo was carrying a baby just a few days old.

The tiny creature was safe and cozy inside his mother's furry **pouch**.



A baby kangaroo is called a **joey. A newborn joey is the size of a jellybean!**



a newborn joey inside its mother's pouch

Pick up a dime and feel how much it weighs. A newborn joey weighs less than a dime!

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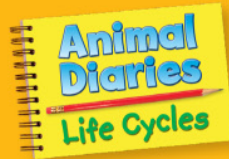
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Have you ever carefully watched the changes that happen as a baby animal becomes an adult? That's what David did! For a year, he got to watch a baby kangaroo as it grew up with its mother. The kangaroos lived in an animal shelter near his home. He wrote all about what he saw in his diary. When you read it, you'll be amazed by what he discovered!

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