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# Al-Jāhiz and Aristotle

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Aristotle's three major biological treatises were translated into Arabic in the ninth century as one continuous text called *Kitāb al-Hayawān* (living beings). This was during al-Jāhiz's (776-868) lifetime and it became one of the principal sources of his own *Kitāb al-Hayawān*. Although the two books share the same title, the Jāhiz book is a very different kind of work. Al-Jāhiz quotes Aristotle extensively; however, he does so in a strictly controlled way, to serve his own purposes rather than those of Aristotle.