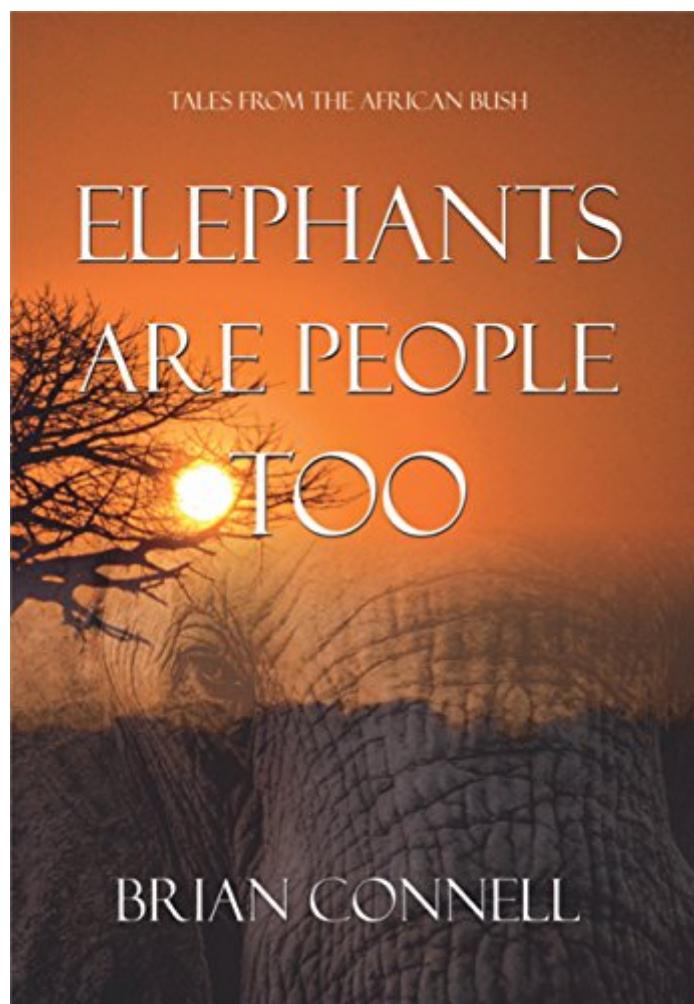


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Elephants Are People Too: More Tales From The African Bush



Synopsis

Elephants Are People Too (EAPT), picks up where M&M ends off, and focuses more on the highly entertaining antics about trying to run a game lodge. You'll also meet a cheetah with a killer sense of humour, a rhino every man would pay anything NOT to meet , a special leopard, and an apple-addicted elephant! The PERFECT follow up to Msomi & Me, told with candour, passion, and great humor.

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Customer Reviews

Another book by Mr. Connell sharing stories from the African bush. His affinity for elephants is especially interesting. After helping rescue a very young elephant from dangerous mud, the mother elephant actually comes to thank him. Impossible, you say. But as the story unfolds we learn the depth of elephants' emotions, and the response of this man. It is a heart warming story. I did not want the book to end. It is more than interesting, it is engrossing.

This second book about Connell's experiences as a lodge manager and guide is every bit as

engaging as "Msomi and Me." (See my review.) Whereas "Msomi and Me" was told in a chronological narrative, this one is basically a series of vignettes. It's equally well-told, moving smoothly from one incident to the next. Since I'm obsessed with elephants, I particularly enjoyed those sections of the book, but there's something for all interests. It was a delight to "revisit" old friends--both human and animal--from the earlier book. I enjoyed the stories told by the Africans explaining--similarly to Greek myths--how certain animals came to look the way they do. As an intriguing side-dish (pun intended) he also, as in "Msomi and Me," included some recipes in the back of the book. Once again I hated to get to the last page. I really hope he will write another book about this period in his life--I'm sure there IS a lot more to tell.

Brian Connell's first book, Msomi and Me, told of the setting up of a Game Lodge in South Africa---Nokuthula , a Zulu word meaning Place of Peace. This second book, Elephants Are People Too, tells more stories from that "little piece of heaven". We see the author 'dancing' with an elephant, and a friendship with an elephant who loved apples. We discover that animals can have a sense of humour, and read about the jokes which Khankhanya (an orphan cheetah brought up by the author) played on the staff. We meet Msomi again---a Zulu/Bushman who decided to help Brian Connell run the Game Lodge. In Elephants Are People Too, we are told more of his teachings, and also more African legends. We learn about the African wildlife, from the biggest--elephant, rhino and buffalo, to the smallest--the dung beetle; and read some interesting information about wild dogs who are vastly different from our domestic dogs. We meet Robert again---a Zulu with a fine mind and a grasp of engineering principles, and Themba who was always thinking up some scheme or the other. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and will read it over and over again.

this book had some interesting parts but was not as good as I expected

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