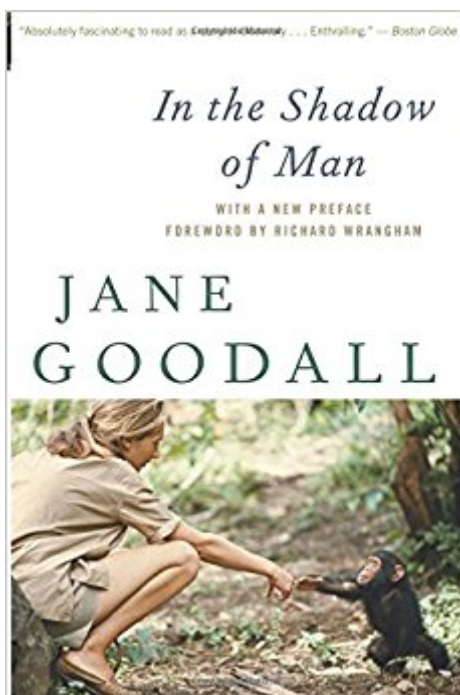


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In The Shadow Of Man



Synopsis

World-renowned primatologist, conservationist, and humanitarian Dr. Jane Goodall's account of her life among the wild chimpanzees of Gombe is one of the most enthralling stories of animal behavior ever written. Her adventure began when the famous anthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey suggested that a long-term study of chimpanzees in the wild might shed light on the behavior of our closest living relatives. Accompanied by only her mother and her African assistants, she set up camp in the remote Gombe Stream Chimpanzee Reserve in Tanzania. For months the project seemed hopeless; out in the forest from dawn until dark, she had but fleeting glimpses of frightened animals. But gradually she won their trust and was able to record previously unknown behavior, such as the use and even the making of tools, until then believed to be an exclusive skill of man. As she came to know the chimps as individuals, she began to understand their complicated social hierarchy and observed many extraordinary behaviors, which have forever changed our understanding of the profound connection between humans and chimpanzees. *In the Shadow of Man* is "one of the Western world's great scientific achievements" (Stephen Jay Gould) and a vivid, essential journey of discovery for each new generation of readers.

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To be sure, much of the ethological and biological information to be found within the text is dated, given the rapid advances of the natural sciences today; nevertheless, Professor Goodall's book is both articulate and provocative to the attentive reader, remaining as prescient today as it was when it was first published. Personally, I decided to purchase 'In the Shadow of Man' after reading R. Fouts's book 'Next of Kin' -- from a purely aesthetic perspective, the two were equally matched; however, on a personal (i.e. inter- and intrasubjective) level, I preferred Fouts's book. Despite this, 'In the Shadow of Man' is a text which I found to be well worth reading. Whether you are a student of theology and philosophy (like myself); ethology and biology; anthropology and sociology; or, perhaps you are simply interested in some light summer reading, the text is both personal and accessible. Perhaps the greatest delights any reader will discover when they open this book are: the indomitable potential they themselves have bottled-up within their own heart; the profundity of insights to be gleaned from the active study of our closest living evolutionary relatives; and the power Professor Goodall's experiences have to shape and change how we humans view ourselves within such a vast and diverse cosmos as the one in which we find ourselves. While there are numerous texts (such as the aforementioned 'Next of Kin') which tell a similar story to that of 'In the Shadow of Man', Professor Goodall's experiences, and how she shares them to this day, are imminently unique. As with those other texts, 'In the Shadow of Man', if nothing else, will serve to foster the "adequate anthropology" Pope Francis called for in his encyclical 'Laudato si' ', and thereby our species may yet learn how we are to live in the cosmos when we finally prescind from axio-ontic, and subsequent ethical, anthropocentrism.

Jane Goodall is a great writer and she really gives you a feel for what it was like to have been her. You want to know what happens to her chimps. I good read for any animal lover.

This book is filled with humor and enthralling first hand accounts of some of the most important discoveries in primate behavioral ecology. I would highly recommend it.

Jane Goodall is the most talented woman whose love of animals brought her out to Africa. She observed so many things never witnessed by anyone before! As she knows the calls of the chimpanzies, I also would howl with my coyotes here in the desert. Her love of animals came quite early as did mine. This book is a great document of her many years with the animals in Gombe and her struggles there. Jane is an amazing woman and leader in protecting our wild places.

Seeing the pictures of her life and learning about the activities and progress of the projects that Jane Goodall has been committed to all these years is so heartening in a world that so often seems to not care about much of anything real. Jane's long commitment to the chimps, our closest relatives, is such an inspiring story. The photos, charts and words in this book help to inspire the reader, as well. If you are a fan of Goodall you will love owning this book. You will pick it up again and again. Thank you Jane Goodall for the world you allowed all of us to be part of. The chimps' world brings us closer to understanding our own selves and the part we must play in our whole world today.

Live the life of adventure and discovery through the eyes of Jane Goodall. Her love of nature, animals and beauty is so evident throughout this book and you'll sit fascinated with the antics, personalities and life and existance of Jane and chimps alike. Jane has given them all names and you'll forget at times they are animals and not human. Her daring and bravery, as a young and adventurous girl, are awe-inspiring, creating the wishful desire to have spent time in her shoes. Dropped in the middle of the jungle with no formal college training in animal behavior, she was to observe the Chimps with a view uncluttered by "facts". The first challenge was to gain the trust of the chimpanzees so that she could get close enough to live amongst them. With only a tent for protection, the book is the result of her years of keeping journals while living in the jungle and learning how to fit into the society of the chimps. It's beautiful, funny and sad; but most of all amazing.

Perfect!

I absolutely loved this book. I am usually the type to procrastinate and take months to finish a book, but I couldn't help but finish this in a week. The story helps the viewer see both inside Jane's world and the chimps of the gombe river. At times, it's easy to forget she is even talking about chimps and not humans. The book is both happy, exciting, sad, and made me both laugh and cry. For any animal lover, I would definitely recommend this book!

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