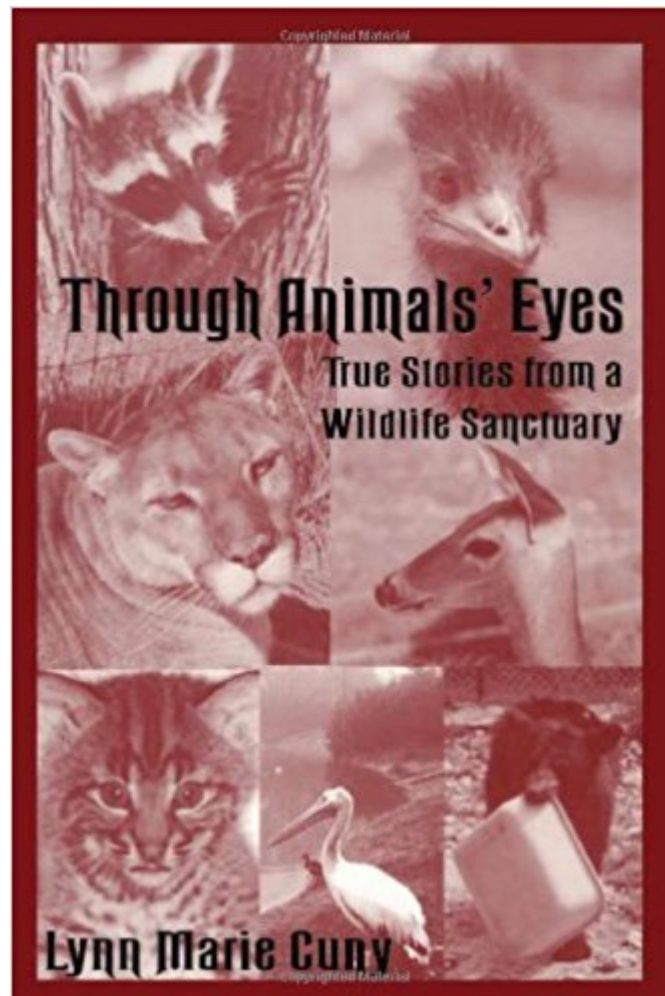




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Through Animals' Eyes: True Stories From A Wildlife Sanctuary



Synopsis

Founded by Lynn Cuny in 1977, Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation (WRR) provides rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned, injured and displaced wildlife. WRR also gives permanent care, in large natural habitats, to indigenous wildlife who, due to severe injuries, have been deemed non-releasable. Permanent care is also provided for non-indigenous wild animals who have been victimized by the exotic pet trade, rescued from roadside zoos, or retired from research facilities. WRR rescues over 5,000 animals annually and maintains a 365-days-a-year wildlife emergency hotline. Through the stories of her experiences with the various animals, Lynn hopes to dispel the belief that non-human animals do not reason, have no emotions, show no compassion for each other and for other species. Lynn's stories from WRR range from the humorous to the tragic, from the surprising to the inevitable. The animals she describes range from the day-old field mouse to the three-legged coyote; from a fox-loving hen to the exotic and abused mountain lions, macaque monkeys and black bears. Always, she reveals the dignity of each animal, trying to survive in a world made cruel and dangerous by the thoughtlessness of humans.

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Inmate stories from an animal rescue sanctuary, heartening but also scolding and righteous, from sanctuary director Cuny. Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, founded in Texas 20 years ago by Cuny, tends for and hopefully returns to the wild "injured, orphaned, abused and displaced wild animals." If the injuries are severe enough, the animals stay at the sanctuary for the rest of their lives. It is a rare and profoundly humanitarian operation, and one certainly deserving of our

appreciation. Cuny includes here 31 vignettes of animals or animal groups that have found their way, for the short or long term, to the sanctuary. They are almost all animals victimized by human malfeasance, with Cuny charging in to save the creature and the day. Of the 5,000 animals the sanctuary ministers to annually, a few are exoticsmacaques and bobcats and mountain lionsbut by far the greatest number are raccoons, ducks, birds, fox, deer, coyote, even mice; all are welcome, from squirrel to timber wolf. All have a story, of being tormented in roadside zoos, caught in steel-jaw traps and fishing lines, rescues from the trade in unusual animals and from research institutions; and all exhibit a wonderful will to live. Unfortunately, Cuny's writing is schmaltsy and frequently over the top, as when she refers to one cat as ``this beautiful animal, this precious, mysterious, secretive, misunderstood, irreplaceable and majestic cat." Even worse, her tone exudes a pious superiority (`I was willing to do whatever it took"; ``I returned faithfully each night"); it isn't long before readers inexplicably begins to sense a guilty finger being pointed in their direction. There is an annoying aura of self-promotion at play, which detracts from the good deeds and alienates those who otherwise might have been inspired by the sanctuary's achievements. (88 b&w photos, not seen) (Book-of-the-Month Club/Quality Paperback Book Club selection) -- Copyright Â©1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

One Spirit Book Club has chosen Through Animals' Eyes as a featured selection in their April issue. We hope that the added publicity will encourage more people to read and enjoy Through Animals' Eyes. The paragraph that follows is the text of the book club feature: When a bewildered, pregnant doe soared through the plateglass window of a real estate office in San Antonio, Texas, the people inside knew whom to call. For over 17 years, Lynn Marie Cuny and Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, the organization she founded, have helped to save injured or abused wild animals. In this case, thanks to Lynn and her group, the doe and her fawn (delivered by C-section) both survived. Their story is representative of 29 others found in Through Animals' Eyes, a book of hope and recovery that surprises as often as it moves us. (Would you have guessed that vultures love to play and can be quite picky about what they eat?) The account of a mockingbird that, having lost her brood, raises an orphan sparrow as her own, is beautiful, even to those hesitant about attributing emotion to animals. In the end, it's hard to know which to admire more: the animals' amazing strength and will to survive or the caring human beings like Lynn Cuny who made their stories possible. -- One Spirit Book Club, Featured Selection, April 1999 --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Lynn Cuny has a gift for portraying the animals in her stories both as worthy of our care as well as needing respect for their needs as animals. Unlike some writers of animal stories, she always makes it clear that wild creatures are usually better off being left wild. While her stories often contain humor, they are always touching.

Very heartwarming stories. Who says animals don't know what is going on and feeling emotions. As an animal lover I enjoyed it very much and is worth a second read...

Short stories about animal encounters... My kinda book. I plan on buying her other book as well. Recommend it to animal enthusiasts.

Through Animals' Eyes: True Stories From A Wildlife Sanctuary is an anthology about the creatures cared for by Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation (WRR). Founded by the author in 1977, WRR provides sanctuary for orphaned, injured, or displaced wildlife, rehabilitating them for eventual release - or providing them with permanent care in large natural habitats if they are deemed nonreleasable. WWR also gives permanent care to exotic wild animals that have suffered from the pet trade, roadside zoos, or research facilities. From the raccoon with burned feet who perseveres to survive, to an abandoned emu who makes friends with a one-winged vulture in a game of pick-up sticks, these tales put one in the skin, fur, or feathers of the creatures who have paid the price of man's expansion. Through Animals' Eyes is strongly recommended for all animal lovers.

A raptor show at Rock city, TN was my introduction to rescued animals. They couldn't go back to the wild for they were too incapacitated. Before the animals took the stage - the forgetful hopping turkey, the tales of rescue that have happened would be something like what happens in the many stories in this book. The tales show acceptance as friends, fear even when in need of help, A Buck finding strength to stand even when injured in a leg at lengthy insistence of a doe is no less riveting as an Indian mythological story of Sati Savitri successfully saving her husband from death.

This book was given to me as a gift and I couldn't put it down. This heartwarming book takes you into the emotions and thoughts of wild animals. They come alive and you see them as the caring, loving and intelligent beings they are. This book will make you never able to look at a wild animal as a "dumb" animal or expendable resource again.

This charming vignette of stories will leave you with a new and wonderful perspective of wildlife, as well as a great deal of respect for the people at Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation in Boerne, TX. This book is a must read for anyone with a love for the wildlife of these United States.

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