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# Kinship With The Animals



## Synopsis

This book consists of thirty-four essays exploring the relationships humans have had with animals in past and present times. In addition to the editors, contributors include writers and animal experts Jane Goodall, Michael Fox, Gary Kowalski, Joseph Bruchac, Gabriel Horn, Ingrid Newkirk, Jim Nollman, Michael Roads, Penelope Smith, and Linda Tellington-Jones. There are four main types of relationships addressed in the anthology: scientific relationships, traditional relationships, changing relationships, and renewing ancient relationships. From Jane Goodall speaking about how she came to devote her life to animals to the story of Tatti Wattles, the avante garde performing artist, who happened to be a rat, the stories in "Kinship with the Animals" describe animals as sentient beings capable of feelings and sophisticated thoughts. The editors have deliberately sought stories that expand the vocabulary of interspecies dialogue--stories that present diverse views of animal awareness, cognition, and communication.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is very enlightning. A beautifully written piece of literature. After reading it for myself, I purchased 3 additional copies to give as christmas presents. I recommend highly!

Like any anthology, the quality of essays in this volume vary, but almost anyone who enjoys this genre will find several terrific and touching expositions here, including the two by Tobias (the editor) himself; a wide range of writers and approaches are included. For the most rigid of scientists or

those who feel no instinctive connection to animals this book may fall short, but for all who do sense a certain oneness with those other species who share our planet this volume is an entertaining and intriguing read.

I found the book for the most part to be well written, sometimes full of fun, sometimes sad, but almost always with thoughtful experiences. The book is aimed at those of us who already accept the fact that there is a need to give more attention to other forms of life, and that the Earth is not ours to do what we want with. The book is a good buy at a very reasonable price. I can definitely recommend it -- it will provide several evenings of interesting and enjoyable reading.

I found this book simply fascinating. Although I didn't like all the essays, the majority were quite good. I especially enjoyed the essays on inter-species communication. This was not a book about teaching how to relate to animals. It was more of an affirmation or testimony to people's personal experiences with animals.

Sometimes touching, always informative. I have learned that our other earth friends are closer to us than we ever knew. I know that I now have incredibly more respect for my loving dog that ever before. I see all living things with greater understanding and appreciation.

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