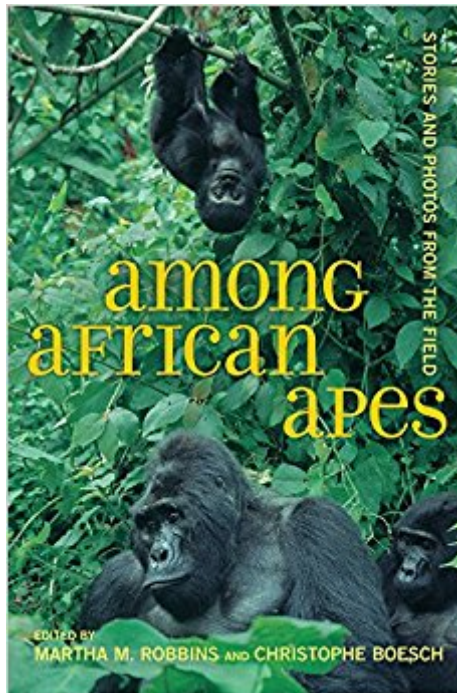




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Among African Apes: Stories And Photos From The Field



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These compelling stories and photographs take us to places like Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda, Ivindo National Park in Gabon, and the Taï National Park in Côte d'Ivoire for an intimate and revealing look at the lives of African wild apes¹⁵¹; and at the lives of the humans who study them. In tales of adventure, research, and conservation, veteran field researchers and conservationists describe exciting discoveries made over the past few decades about chimpanzees, bonobos, and gorillas. The book features vivid descriptions of interactions among these highly intelligent creatures as they hunt, socialize, and play. More difficult themes emerge as well, including the threats apes face from poaching, disease, and deforestation. In stories that are often moving and highly personal, this book takes measure of how special the great apes are and discusses positive conservation efforts, including ecotourism, that can help bring these magnificent animals back from the brink of extinction.

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Among African Apes is an exciting report fresh from the scientific frontlines; a series of personal, dramatic, and yet superbly informative accounts of the latest research. It also reminds us that our nearest relatives, the African great apes, are threatened as never before with the prospect of extinction. Dale Peterson, author of Elephant Reflections and Eating Apes; This engaging and compelling book is an up-close-and-personal glimpse into the lives of wild chimpanzees, bonobos, and gorillas. In these narratives, set in the lush, tangled forests of tropical Africa, scientific observation meets adventure story as the lives of individual animals are intertwined with the agonies and ecstasies of fieldwork. Kelly Stewart, co-author of Gorilla Society and author of Gorillas "Some of the most devoted primatologists offer a wonderful collection of first-hand accounts and splendid photographs that make us feel like we're beside them watching our relatives in the forest." -Frans de Waal, author of Our Inner Ape and Chimpanzee Politics

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