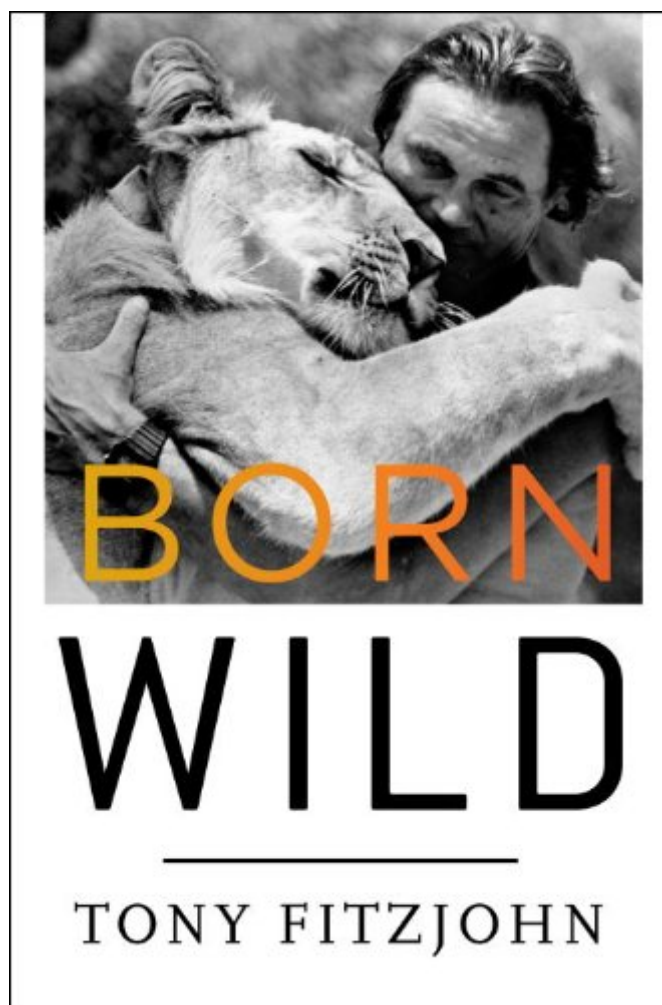


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Born Wild: The Extraordinary Story Of One Man's Passion For Africa



Synopsis

Tony Fitzjohn, part missionary, part madman, has been called “one of the world’s most endangered creatures.” An internationally renowned field expert on African wildlife, he is best known for the eighteen years he spent helping Born Free’s George Adamson return more than forty leopards and lions—including the celebrated Christian—to the wild in central Kenya. Born Wild is the memoir of Fitzjohn’s extraordinary life. It shows how a man driven by an impossibly restless spirit can do almost anything, from being a bouncer in a brothel, to surviving a vicious lion attack, to fighting with the Tanzanian government, to being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire by the Queen. A notorious hell-raiser given to scrapes with bandits, evil policemen, and wicked politicians, who has been shot at by poachers and chewed up by lions, Fitzjohn is also a wonderful raconteur. Shenanigans aside, he belongs to that rare species of humans who have sought refuge and meaning in a life truly dedicated to the restoration of the animal kingdom. Many times Tony Fitzjohn has put his life on the line for the cause in which he believes. Born Wild is the story of that passion.

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Customer Reviews

I have to say as a disclaimer that I have been to Mkomazi and met Tony Fitzjohn and that several of my Moshi friends know him well. But, the beauty of this memoir is not just in the "romance" of the tough life, but of the remembrances of the stamina, and the fragile line that holds it all together. As Americans who come and go from Kilimanjaro, I can tell you that most projects -- and big ones at that run on the fragile line of one persons passion and dedication. And many of the golden ones have been murdered. His story is vivid, and gives hope to the future of the parks and the animals. I would not put my children or recommend anyone else putting their children into the arms of lions (and I don't think he does either) but he brings a sort of humanity that connects we humans and animals, but keeps his own life story ever present. I love good memoirs.

Excellent story of a mans passion of the wild of Africa, the fact he was young and worked with George Adamson is one of the few to know the real story about George and Joy and carry it on.

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I read all of the Adamson books, both Joy's and George's as a kid. I remember when I got George's autobiography from the library and saw Tony Fitzjohn thinking "He is SO cute!" Well, he is older, wiser, infinitely interesting and still pretty cute. The life he has lived and is living is amazing. The work he is doing is so important if any of Africa's wildlife is to survive. The book is a great adventure story and I really loved visiting George Adamson again through Tony's eyes. Thank you Mr. Fitzjohn.

But was still vague on Christian's life span-they heard his roars and saw his spoor. But when did the roars etop and there were no more spoor-I would have thought they would have noticed.

Fitzjohn admits to being nuts, he is! Anyone who savors the types of adventures he does is a rare species of his own kind. Through Fitzjohn's chapters, I learned a lot about George Adamson's work with lions, which was as heart-warming as his wife's stories of Elsa. A lot to digest in this book, glimpses at life in Africa, the work with the animals, the political upheavals, the dangers, the joys. Great read, astounding photographs.

Wonderful and engrossing, often quite informative and funny -Since reading this I have added the page on Facebook, and can keep up with the news and current policies for African wildlife!

A great story by a truly great man! Highly recommended

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