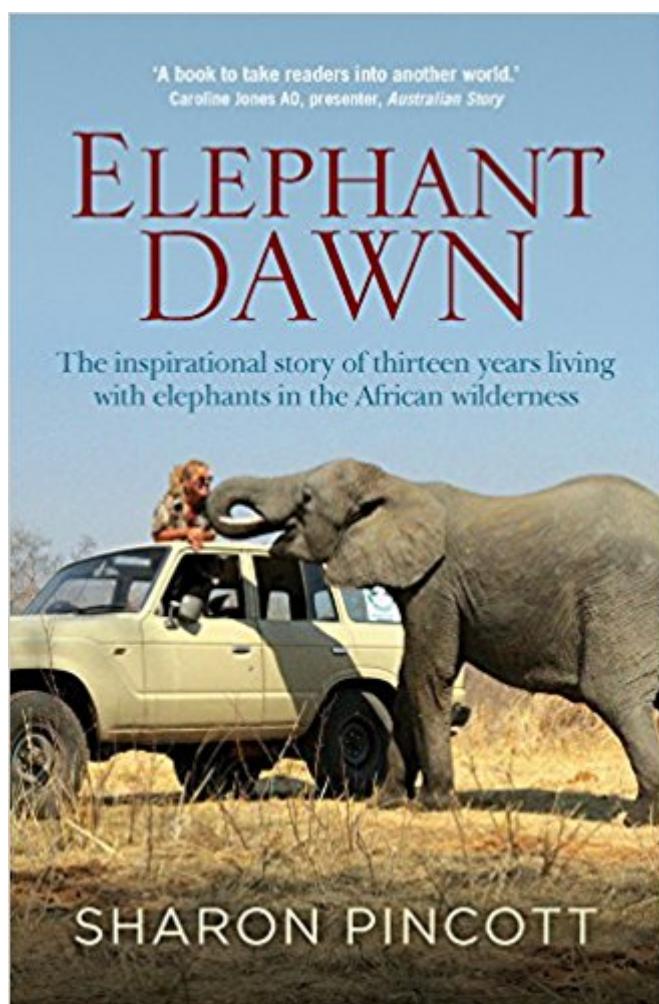


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# Elephant Dawn: The Inspirational Story Of Thirteen Years Living With Elephants In The African Wilderness



## **Synopsis**

In 2001, Sharon Pincott traded her privileged life as a high-flying corporate executive to start a new one with the Presidential Elephants of Zimbabwe. She was unpaid, untrained, self-funded and arrived with the starry-eyed idealism of most foreigners during early encounters with Africa. For thirteen years - the worst in Zimbabwe's volatile history - this intrepid Australian woman lived in the Hwange bush fighting for the lives of these elephants, forming an extraordinary and life-changing bond with them. Now remote from Robert Mugabe's rule, Sharon writes without restraint sequentially through the years, taking us on a truly unforgettable ride of hope and heartbreak, profound love and loss, adversity and new beginnings. This is the haunting, all-encompassing story we've been waiting for. Powerfully moving, sometimes disturbing and often very funny, Elephant Dawn is a celebration of love, courage and honour amongst our greatest land mammals. With resilience beyond measure, Sharon earns the supreme right to call them family. [The book includes 32 pages of colour photographs.]

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## **Customer Reviews**

Every now and then a book comes along that breaks through the wallpaper of my own life and delivers its message intravenously. Elephant Dawn did that for me - an intense read, inspiring and moving... Over an incredible 13 years this tough-as-teak lady developed a valuable understanding of all 17 extended family groups that make up the greater 500-strong herd. She also became the public figurehead of this herd in their battle against the deadly intentions of the

poachers and trophy hunters. Her deeply personal bond with some of the matriarchs (who would come running when she called) really struck a chord with me...&apos;Simon Espley, CEO, Africa Geographic&apos;Can one human make a difference? In Elephant Dawn, you find out that the answer is yes. Can one human change the plight of a doomed species? Well, no, but to every individual rescued from a snare or some other horror, help meant the world.&apos;Ingrid E. Newkirk, President, PETA&apos;Riveting reading.... [Elephant Dawn is] touchingly genuine, with gut truth and sheer determination.&apos;Book Chat, South Africa&apos;[Sharon Pincott] formed one of the most remarkable bonds ever with wild elephants. Untrained and unpaid, the idealistic Sharon proved to be an elephant whisperer... Her vulnerability as a lone woman in the bush is an emotional roller-coaster, especially when her friends depart one by one as the situation worsens. Yet she is resilient and courageous to the very end... guaranteed to produce a lump in the throat, if not tears.&apos;South Africa&apos;s Wild magazine&apos;What [Jane] Goodall and [Dian] Fossey were for primates... Sharon Pincott [has] been for elephants... Elephant Dawn is heartwarming, funny, incisive, searingly honest and at times deeply sad. It&apos;s a ... plea for Africa&apos;s elephants and an insight into the mind of one of the earth&apos;s most intelligent creatures.&apos;Don Pinnock, Investigative Journalist, South Africa&apos;An inspirational book full of adventure and emotions, showing true courage and determination of an exceptional woman who lived 13 years with elephants in Zimbabwe facing daily the adversity that only her passion for these gentle giants could overcome.&apos;Francoise Malby-Anthony, wife of the late Lawrence Anthony of THE ELEPHANT WHISPERER.Thula Thula Game Reserve, South Africa[Elephant Dawn] is full of... accounts of [Sharon Pincott&apos;s] deeply intimate bond with the elephant families... It is a genuinely personal account of the hardships and triumphs of a courageous and often hilarious lady. I was riveted. (Rating: &apos;Unforgettable&apos;)Writerswrite, South Africa &apos;A remarkable story of resilience and courage in the fight to save the African elephant. Sharon Pincott is a true wildlife warrior.&apos;Gareth Patterson, best-selling author of The Secret Elephants&apos;A raw, honest story that needs to be heard. Sharon Pincott gives a passionate and moving voice to a species in peril; the silent, innocent victims of man&apos;s greed.&apos;Tony Park, bestselling author of An Empty Coast &apos;A woman on a passionate mission. Her astonishing adventure. Political intrigue. A book to take the reader into another world.&apos;Caroline Jones, award-winning Australian journalist &apos;This mesmerizing book is not just about a love of elephants, it is also about the indomitable spirit of someone who followed her passion. Sharon Pincott is one of the bravest women I have ever known. She has risked so much for elephants and it is a gift to us that we can now read this moving account of her thirteen years in Zimbabwe fighting to save a

population of elephants she came to know intimately.&apos;Cynthia Moss, world-renowned Elephant Specialist, celebrated in BBC&apos;s Echo of the Elephants.&apos;[Elephant Dawn] is hard hitting, and factual, a story that everyone should read... It is a book that I will keep to read again. It begins in 2001 and takes us all the way through to 2014 and beyond. Memories of so many things that happened in Zimbabwe, with elephants, other wildlife, politics and day to day life, flooded back to me as I read... Despite all that happened, Sharon&apos;s love of Zimbabwe shone throughout and her descriptions of our wild areas are beautiful. For those who don&apos;t already know, her relationship with the Presidential Elephants was simply incredible and reading this book you feel like you are sitting beside her in Hwange in her old battered truck.&apos;Johnny Rodrigues, Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force&apos;After 13 years living among 500 wild elephants, Pincott is telling her story in Elephant Dawn...The locals called Pincott Thandeka Mandlovu, which means &apos;much-loved Mother Elephant&apos;, and believed she had special magic... With more and more elephants being killed every year, perhaps magic is the only thing that can save them. And the selfless efforts of people like Pincott.&apos;Forbes Woman Africa&apos;What an astonishing story... In places it is so funny you can&apos;t help laughing out loud and in other places you can&apos;t help feeling [Sharon&apos;s] despair. This is a compelling read and an important read. I would say this is essential reading for anyone interested in wildlife conservation and especially elephants, but this book isn&apos;t just about that: it is essentially the story of a person, so committed that they are willing to give up nearly everything to follow their heart and stand up for what they believe in, no matter what. The kind of book that you will want to read in a sitting, I know I couldn&apos;t put it down.&apos;Se7en Lifestyle Blog, South Africa &apos;The story of one woman and her elephants...Sharon gave up her career in Australia in 2001 to travel to Zimbabwe to give her full attention to the conservation of the Presidential Herd in the Hwange Estate in western Zimbabwe. It was not a good time for Zimbabwe but the elephants needed her... For 13 years Sharon struggled against everything that a troubled Zimbabwe could throw at her...[Elephant Dawn is] a book that one should read, particularly now, when the elephants of Zimbabwe are so much in the news.&apos;David Holt-Biddle, Columnist, South Coast Herald, South Africa &apos;We are Zimbabweans, also deeply involved with wildlife, so every word of this marvellous book resonated with me...it&apos;s not the sadness that I want to remember, it&apos;s the courage of one crazy Australian who, ridiculously, thought she could make a difference - and did. It&apos;s what she learned... how she helped them... she never expected to form such an extraordinary bond with wild elephants... Sharon, you have left your legacy and we, and all who truly care for wildlife, thank you.&apos;Bookey Peek, author of Beyond the Wild Wood, Stone Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, Matobo,

Zimbabwe's; You have brought tears to my eyes, love of elephants to my heart and knowledge to my mind'; - Michelle Nielsen in Australia's; The trials and tribulations you experience are wrenching and devastating. The rewards magnificent'; - Charlene Boardman in South Africa's;...a good read with high points, sadness and gritty determination... We need more Sharon Pincott's; to fight for nature from global warming to elephants, they are all connected.'; John Asquith, 50 years in natural resource management, environmental advocacy and wildlife habitat conservation, Australia's; [Sharon Pincott] has done this [elephant work] as a labour of love, unfunded and alone, in a less than friendly country where white people are easily dispensable, certainly according to Robert Mugabe ... This story is much more than hardship and despair, though. We see the magnificent sights through Sharon's; eyes...'; Blue Wolf Reviews, Australia"An inspirational book full of adventure and emotions, showing true courage and determination of an exceptional woman who lived 13 years with elephants in Zimbabwe facing daily the adversity that only her passion for these gentle giants could overcome." Francoise Malby-Anthony, wife of the late Lawrence Anthony of The Elephant Whisperer, Thula Thula Game Reserve, South Africa""After 13 years living among 500 wild elephants, Pincott is telling her story in Elephant Dawn . . .

Born in Queensland, Australia, Sharon Pincott is the author of two highly acclaimed books published in South Africa and is the subject of an internationally successful documentary. Her work has been profiled in National Geographic, BBC Wildlife and Africa Geographic. She is credited with having formed one of the most remarkable relationships with wild elephants ever documented.

I loved reading this book. I have been to Zimbabwe and have done many safaris in Hwange National Park, so I felt connected even as far as the iconic Cecil and his friend Jericho mentioned in the book. I totally felt the frustration of the author dealing with the Government of Zimbabwe whilst trying to do the best for the Presidents Elephants. It was very well written, I didn't want it to end.

A wonderful story and a must-read for Africa aficionados like myself. I've been to Zimbabwe and I could immediately find myself in the described areas. I hope that someone can continue the care and passion for the so intelligent grey giants. Highly recommended reading!

Great story of person so dedicated to the animal world

Very inspiring to add to my passion for elephants. I take my hat off to Sharon for devoting herself to such care and affection and fight for the elephants under such an uncaring and corrupt government. I despair as she finally had to, of the elephants future. I so wish there was a solution. Book should be read in China and US, especially by children --- the future is in their hands!

A must read for everyone, not just elephant lovers. Pincott's writing is fresh and enjoyable, and makes you feel like you're right there in Zimbabwe.

Loved it- if you love elephants - you'll love Sharon's story about leaving her comfortable life in Australia to go live with, study and attempt to protect elephants in Zimbabwe. Realistic and heartbreakingly at times.

Sad; inspiring; how could anyone kill just to kill; a wonderful read that captures your imagination and wins your heart!

Sad but beautiful insight into the world of wild elephants.

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