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This amazing race is getting wild!

When the teams take on the African savanna, the competition heats up, and Mari starts to feel the pressure. She's never been the strongest or the fastest racer. Sure, she knows almost everything about lions and rhinos and zebras. But facts can only get the team so far. She better keep up, or she might let her friends down. Because the finish line is in sight, and Team Red wants to win!

Each chapter in this action-packed adventure series is bursting with totally true facts about wild and wonderful creatures, dangerous habitats, maps, and more!

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Steph says

This was my favorite of the four books in the series (so far!) I've been on safari in Africa before, and I thought this painted a great picture of what it's like. It wasn't specified where they were but once they went to the Ngorongoro Crater I looked into it and found that they were in Tanzania.

My one big issue with this book, knocking it down to 4.5 stars, is that their "adventure" was incredibly unsafe. When you go out on safari, you go with a driver who carries a weapon in case of emergency. These kids were basically just running and driving around the savanna, putting themselves in great danger. Super fun book, but I wish that it hadn't been so unrealistic.

Cathy says

Another decent entry.

Theresa says

This book series is amazing. My nephew and I just gobble them up. He loves the drama and I love how much I learn. Weird right?

Reagan says

This time they are racing on the African Savannah.

The team mostly counts on Mari to figure out the clues to win. Who will win the race? Read the book to find out!

I really like this book because it is great. You should read it.

Maximilian Lee says

I liked it because I like hot air balloons and cheetahs. I also liked it because I like craters and volcanoes.

Lorie says

Savanna Showdown is the last leg of the million dollar competition that has taken Mari and her three teammates around the world to identify and photograph animals based upon clues they receive. Will Mari's Red Team have enough stamina, smarts and spirit to beat out the other teams in the lead?

This early chapter book, which will appeal to readers in 2nd- 4th grade, offers an adventure story that kids will like. As the characters move from location to location to find the animals, the book offers interesting Creature Feature pages that explain the animals. What it also does well is give the reader a good picture of the issues, challenges, and features of that habitat the racers are exploring. Readers who like series fiction will probably want to start with the first book and work their way through the series, but it is not a requirement for enjoying this title especially for kids who like animals.

I would recommend this book and series for purchase to any school or public library.
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Angela says

This fun and adventurous series is infused with real facts about wildlife that will appeal to both kids and teachers.

Deacon Yeager says

I'm so happy that team Red won! Mari was really brave going up in that hot air balloon. I couldn't have done it. No way!

Katie Fitzgerald says

The fourth book of the Race the Wild series brings the first leg of the Wild Life competition to a close. As the end draws near, Mari, from whose point of view this story is told, becomes more and more concerned that, though she knows a lot of scientific facts, her inability to keep up with her teammates physically will cost them their chance at victory. These books seem to improve as time goes on. The third book, Arctic Freeze, was the most exciting up to that point, and this one is equally as engaging. I still mostly skipped over all the scientific facts between the chapters because I found it distracting, but I was fully invested in Mari's problem of seeing herself as the weakest teammate, and I was as unsure of their fate as the team itself. The exploration of the African savanna is also really interesting, and kids who like animals will be invested in the story for the wildlife alone.
