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In this captivating, suspenseful memoir, white lion conservationist Linda Tucker describes her perilous struggle to protect the sacred white lion from the merciless and mafia-like trophy-hunting industry, armed only with her indomitable spirit and total devotion.

Her story begins in 1991 with a heart-stopping misadventure in the Timbavati Reserve of South Africa. Tucker—then a successful advertising executive—and a group of fellow travelers found themselves surrounded by a pride of angry lions. There was no way out, night had fallen, and the battery in their only flashlight was beginning to flicker. Miraculously, a local medicine woman, with two youngsters in tow, passed, trancelike and fearless, through the lions and escorted them all to safety.

For Tucker, that life-threatening experience became a life-changing one. She abandoned her career, left Europe, and returned to Timbavati to track down the medicine woman who had saved her: Maria Khosa. Upon seeing Tucker again, Khosa only smiled and said, “What took you so long?” She had been expecting her, and there was so much to do. Under Khosa’s shamanic tutelage, Tucker learned of her sacred destiny: to be the “keeper of the white lions,” believed to be angelic beings sent to Earth to save humanity at a time of crisis. Khosa also prophesized that the queen of the white lions—the embodiment of the mother of Ra, the sun god—would soon be born, on a day and in a place considered holy by Westerners.

On December 25, 2000, in the little South Africa town of Bethlehem, a snowy white lion cub, Marah, was born. From the moment of her first meeting with Marah, Tucker’s story immediately takes off into battle, as she dedicates her every waking moment to prying Marah and her siblings from the grips of the trophy-hunting industry.

Compellingly written in the intimate style of a journal, Tucker describes with unflinching honesty her fears, doubts, hopes, and dreams, all the while unfolding for us an unforgettable tale of adventure, romance, spirituality, and most of all, justice.

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Zack says

<http://www.examiner.com/review/saving...>

Rachel says

this book is about a woman's struggle with trying to save the almost extinct white lions, and her struggles against the canned hunting that's hurting the wild life of South Africa.

Justine says

The story of trying to returning white lions to the wild was fascinating and well written. But the spiritual aspect was a little off putting.

Pea Horsley says

Beautiful and powerful. Linda Tucker reveals her strength and vulnerability, her leadership qualities and humanity. This is a book that will horrify you - in relation to the disregard of the lives of lions - and inspire you - with the courage, patience and determinations of individuals wishing to save them..despite the odds. A must read.

Colleen Mulrooney says

This was a hard book to read.

The author's harrowing account of trying to save Marah, a White Lion, and her three cubs from the atrocities of the canned hunting industry made me feel ill.

On the upside, there are amazing, compassionate and brilliant people who worked tirelessly to save these rare lions.

A mixture of African shamanism and conservation set in the beautiful Timbivati; with the spotlight on canned lion hunting, and how this barbaric practice has been allowed to continue unchecked, while money pours into the pockets of people who exploit animals for money.

Rachel Meyers says

I don't consider myself a conservationist, but it makes me sad when animals are mistreated. As stewards of the earth, humans need to do a better job.

Saying that, I probably would have never picked this book off of the shelf, but it was chosen as a book group selection. A lot of the people in the group liked the book, and I did too for the first few chapters. I loved the symbolism of lions and the fact that there's people out there working to save them. However, I found the book to be very one-sided and the author to be very superstitious - and it got old reading about it chapter after chapter. Just wasn't what I love to read. There was some swearing in it and a couple semi-adult scenes, so not really suitable for teens.

I do really admire Linda for the life she's chosen which is dedicated to saving the white lions. But, I'll be glad to move on to another book.

Cassie says

I received this book in a Goodreads giveaway

I am sorry to say that I cannot finish this book. It seems more like a fantasy novel than an actual memoir. I barely made it past the first fifty pages (which I read out of boredom during slow shifts at work). The author sounds slightly crazy if she believes in all that she is writing about. While white lions are indeed special animals, having that sort of connection with animals and believing that she can communicate with them and that she is their mother is borderline absurd. I apologize, but I was not impressed, only concerned.

Susan says

I have always loved animal stories and, of course, find the experiences of those who try to protect them inspirational. There was a bit too much of the woo-woo spiritual aspect in this book for me, which prevented me from enjoying it the way I had reading about saving gorillas or elephants in other books.
