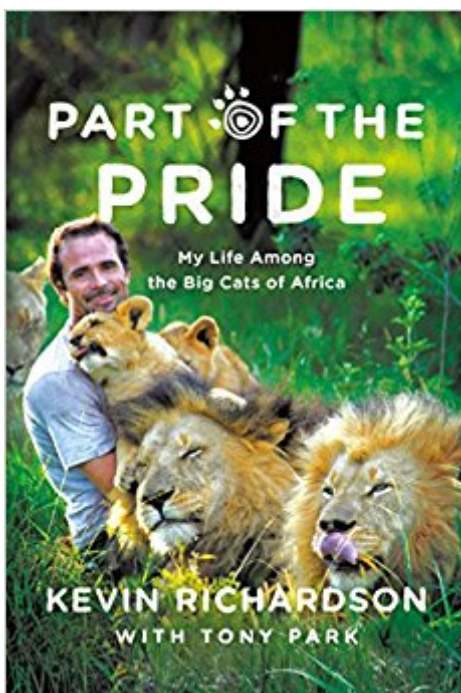


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Part Of The Pride: My Life Among The Big Cats Of Africa



Synopsis

In "Part of the Pride", Kevin Richardson, recently dubbed "The Lion Man" on 60 Minutes, tells the story of how he grew from a young boy who loved animals to become a man able to cross the divide between humans and predators, looking some of the world's most dangerous animals directly in the eye, playing with them and even kissing them on the nose—all without ever being attacked or injured. As a self-taught animal behaviorist, Richardson has broken every safety rule known to humans when working with these wild animals. Flouting common misconceptions that breaking an animal's spirit with sticks and chains is the best way to subdue them, he uses love, understanding and trust to develop personal bonds with them. His unique method of getting to know their individual personalities, what makes each of them angry, happy, upset, or irritated has caused them to accept him like one of their own into their fold. Richardson allows the animals' own stories to share center stage as he tells readers about Napoleon and Tau, the two he calls his "brothers"; the amazing Meg, a lioness Richardson taught to swim; the fierce Tsavo who savagely attacked him; and the heartbreaking little hyena called Homer who didn't live to see his first birthday. In "Part of the Pride", Richardson, with novelist Tony Park, delves into the mind of the big cats and their world to show readers a different way of understanding the dangerous big cats of Africa.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. In his first book, lion keeper and animal behaviorist Richardson, a popular YouTube fixture with a feature film on the way, chronicles his life and career while explaining his unique ability

to gain the trust of predators like lions and hyenas. Working at the South African Lion Park and the Kingdom of the White Lion sanctuaries, Richardson has been accepted by some of his lions as a brother, "sometimes even a father... a friend to others, and an acquaintance to the rest." Native South African Richardson mingles with his animals freely; though he has been attacked, he credits his "lifelong love-affair with dangerous things" for his ability to keep cool. (Although, on being nearly mauled to death early in his career, he says, "What do you do when a lion is trying to eat you? Anything you can think of.") After leaving university, Richardson met Rodney Fuhr of the Lion Park, located in the Johannesburg suburbs, and worked his way from staff physical fitness coach to full-time animal trainer and film-maker. An engrossing account of a young life in Africa, this adventurous tale also provides amazing insight into the minds of Africa's most beautiful and dangerous creatures. Color photos. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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A brutally honest account of the life and motivations of a fantastic Lion Whisperer and how he became so great with his giant Pride of Lion and OTHER jungle animal friends...A fascinating read...A Bad Boy turned Great...now that's a wonderful story! And the color pictures are truly beautiful...This man has found his true calling and his true friends and family, and we get to see how he got there. IT also makes one want to someday visit where he works to see him and his dear animal and human friends interacting with love, caring and great understanding....People like this man COULD establish more peace on this planet just by showing us how to "read" and understand and love creatures who might otherwise scare us, but who are really just as afraid of us as we would be of them...He is a great animal spokesperson too.

What a great title. What a great story! What an amazing courageous man to step into the world of a

massive predator like the African Lions. Kevin Richardson says people say he has a gift. He does not feel he does. The gift he has, is AWARENESS. This makes him pay attention to details, sensations, his gut, his unconscious mind revealing truths in the NOW. Its being in tune or in touch with who you are...which these days is so hard for so many. He lives from his heart and soul and opens a door for greater realities to unfold. It is a beautiful thing to see him engage with his pride of lions and lionesses and all his other hyena friends. He associated with all kinds of animals growing up. This helped him to NURTURE...to care at a deep knowing level. We are all capeable of these qualities....IF we open up to them. They have some great photos in the book with Kevin and his lions. I love them. I had seen him on youtube before I read this book. He is awesome. His courage is amazing! His strong spirit grips your heart...and squeezes your compassionate out for these predators. I am a LEO the lion so I already relate to these noble giants in my own way. Get this book...and then follow your heart which leads you plunging into his Wild world with more movies and dvds.

I was curious about Kevin Richardson when I first saw some videos of him with his lions on YouTube, so when this book came out, I knew I had to read it. It is a compelling account of a man who has a unique approach to dealing with wild predators - whether they be lions, hyenas, leopards or jackals. But it's his extraordinary relationship with his lions that brings this story to life. A child who was always interested in creatures - creepy-crawly to mammals - Kevin grows up experimenting with different ways to relate to his charges. He moves on instinct alone, and achieves extraordinary results, much to the surprise of other lion wranglers. He has his share of close encounters, but never blames the animal, but rather himself for not reading the lion's mood and behavior correctly. This is a wonderful, readable account of of an exceptional man and his lions and hyenas. Highly recommended!

Excellent book! I am fond and jealous of the relationship Kevin has with his lions. The book opens up your mindset of how Lions are and the beauty they have. Also, informs you of how and why lions get hunted in Africa

I don't read fiction. I like books that are real, about something real. Keep that in mind when assessing this review. I thought the book was a good read. I don't like suspense, and the book started out building a climax and then broke, leaving you in suspense for an undetermined amount of time. I don't care for that, but I did get the answer to the questions I had, later on. Kevin is an

animal behaviorist, not an author so I have to give him great credit for telling his story and how well he did it. The book had a lot of interesting details, events and such, both happy and sad. I'm happy I got the book and hope it helps his cause. I would like to see more from Kevin, I have questions such as how does he train his dogs? Does he use the same technique on domestic pets as wild animals? I would like to know more of his training philosophy in particular how it relates to the canine world. As a person who knows more than 95% of the population on dog training, I can say I was able to gather some key concepts from his methods to try and integrate to dog training/understanding. Kind of pricey, but it is for a good cause. I liked it.

All I can say about this book, is that it was one that I could not put down! Kevin Richardson's story is as gripping and compelling as that of ABC news Anchorman, Bob Woodruff. Both these men are my absolute heroes! (Although Bob Woodruff has nothing to do with the book "Part of the Pride") Kevin is so passionate and driven about his love for white lions and his work, that inspires you to be passionate in your own life about your purpose that drives you through thick and thin. Every parent should have their teenagers read this book as well, as it will give them the necessary drive and ambition to achieve whatever it is they dare to dream and do in life. In my opinion, Kevin Richardson tops all the other wildlife experts, as he truly knows his stuff, less the fluff that other experts receive through TV media. Kevin Richardson is the real deal who's mission in life deserve complete recognition and support. Read his book, and you'll come to understand exactly what I am talking about!

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