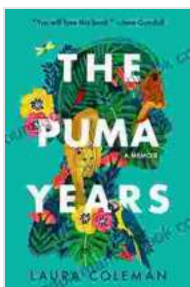


The Puma Years: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Redemption in the Shadow of the Big Cats

In the heart of the Okavango Delta, Botswana, lies a place where the wild reigns supreme. This is the setting for *The Puma Years*, a memoir by wildlife conservationist and author Laurie Marker. For over four decades, Marker has dedicated her life to the study and protection of big cats, particularly the elusive puma. In this deeply personal and moving account, she shares her experiences, triumphs, and heartbreaks as she works to save these magnificent creatures from extinction.

The Puma Years begins with Marker's early fascination with big cats. As a young girl growing up in the American Midwest, she was captivated by the beauty and power of these animals. When she was old enough, she traveled to Africa to pursue her dream of working with them. She soon found herself drawn to the puma, a solitary and often misunderstood predator. Marker quickly realized that the puma faced a number of threats, including habitat loss, poaching, and persecution. She made it her mission to protect these animals and to educate others about their importance.



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Marker's work has taken her to some of the most remote and dangerous places on Earth. She has spent countless hours tracking pumas, studying their behavior, and working to mitigate the threats they face. She has also established several conservation programs, including the Cheetah Conservation Fund and the Okavango Wilderness Project. Through her work, Marker has helped to save countless pumas and other big cats. She has also inspired a new generation of conservationists to follow in her footsteps.

The Puma Years is more than just a memoir of one woman's work with big cats. It is also a story of love, loss, and redemption. Marker has experienced both the joy of seeing her conservation efforts succeed and the heartbreak of losing animals to poaching and other threats. She has also found healing and purpose in her work, and she has dedicated her life to making a difference for these animals.

The Puma Years is a beautifully written and deeply moving account of one woman's lifelong journey to protect big cats. It is a story of hope, perseverance, and the power of love. It is a must-read for anyone who cares about wildlife conservation and the plight of endangered species.

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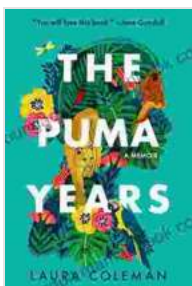
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Laurie Marker is a wildlife conservationist and author. She is the founder and executive director of the Cheetah Conservation Fund and the Okavango Wilderness Project. Marker has dedicated her life to the study and protection of big cats, particularly the puma. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the National Geographic Wildlife Conservation Award and the Jane Goodall Lifetime Achievement Award.



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