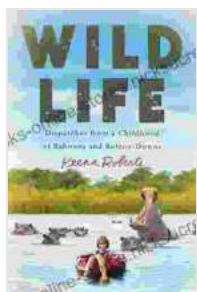


Dispatches From Childhood: Of Baboons and Button Downs

In the searing heat of a South African summer, a young boy named David stood at the edge of a troop of baboons. The animals were gathered around a watering hole, their long, curved fingers dipping into the water to scoop it up and drink. David watched them with wide-eyed fascination, his heart pounding in his chest. He had never been this close to baboons before, and he was both exhilarated and terrified.

David's parents were anthropologists who had brought him to South Africa to study the behavior of baboons. They had been living in a small village for several months, and David had spent his days exploring the surrounding bush. He had seen baboons from a distance, but he had never had the courage to approach them. That day, something inside him snapped. He took a deep breath and stepped closer to the watering hole.



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The baboons looked up at David with curiosity. They were not afraid of him, but they were cautious. David continued to approach, slowly and carefully. He stopped a few feet away from the watering hole and crouched down. The baboons watched him intently. David held his breath and waited.

After a few moments, one of the baboons, a large male, approached David cautiously. The baboon sniffed the air and then reached out to touch David's hand. David flinched, but he did not pull his hand away. The baboon gently stroked David's hand with its long, curved fingers. David felt a surge of electricity run through his body. He had never felt anything like it before.

The baboon continued to stroke David's hand for a few more seconds. Then, it turned and walked away. The other baboons followed it. David watched them go, his heart filled with a sense of wonder and awe. He had just had a close encounter with a wild animal, and he had felt a connection with it that he had never felt with any other creature before.

David's experience with the baboons was a turning point in his life. It was the moment when he realized that he wanted to become a wildlife biologist. He went on to study baboons for many years, and he made many important discoveries about their behavior and ecology. He also became a passionate advocate for the conservation of baboons and other endangered species.

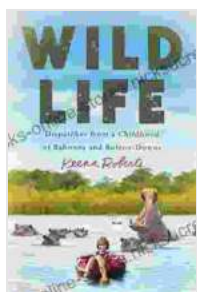
In his book, "Dispatches From Childhood: Of Baboons and Button Downs," David shares his experiences growing up in South Africa and his lifelong fascination with baboons. The book is a beautifully written and deeply personal account of a man's journey to find his place in the world. It is also

a powerful reminder of the importance of conservation and the interconnectedness of all living things.

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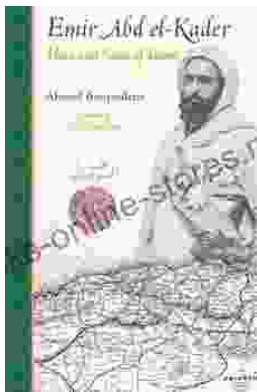
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