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Description:

In 1997 Gloria Grow started a sanctuary for chimps retired from biomedical research on her farm outside Montreal. For the indomitable Gloria, caring for thirteen great apes is like presiding over a maximum security prison, a Zen sanctuary, an old folks' home, and a New York deli during the lunchtime rush all rolled into one. But she is first and foremost creating a refuge for her troubled charges, a place where they can recover and begin to trust humans again.

Hoping to win some of this trust, the journalist Andrew Westoll spent months at Fauna Farm as a volunteer and vividly recounts his time in the chimp house and the histories of its residents. He arrives with dreams of striking up an immediate friendship with the legendary Tom, the wise face of

the Great Ape Protection Act, but Tom seems all too content to ignore him. Gradually, though, old man Tommie and the rest of the "troop" begin to warm toward Westoll as he learns the routines of life at the farm and realizes just how far the chimps have come. Seemingly simple things like grooming, establishing friendships and alliances, and playing games with the garden hose are all poignant testament to the capacity of these animals to heal.

Brimming with empathy and winning stories of Gloria and her charges, *The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary* is an absorbing, bighearted book that grapples with questions of just what we owe to the animals who are our nearest genetic relations.

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Review

"Moving." —*People*, 4/4 stars

"The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary blew me away. It is a master work that deserves an audience stretching from the US Congress to medical-school students to the widest possible public." - *Bookslut.com*

"a powerful look at how we treat our closest relatives" - *Cleveland Plain Dealer*

"what I found from the first chapter was compassion, education and some of the best writing I have encountered in a very long time. This book is not an in-your-face telling-you-what-to-do animal rights book full of horror, but an account of tenderness, turmoil and traverse spanning over a period of time much longer than when Fauna Sanctuary opened its doors 14 years ago." - *Times Union*

"This incisive book describes the daily lives of 13 resident chimps, their resilience after so much suffering and the invasive research practices that 'render them as psychologically compromised as human victims of domestic violence or political and war prisoners.' ...An affecting work about our genetic cousin." - *Kirkus*

"A distressing, deeply important exposé of the suffering we have inflicted on our closest animal relation, the ethics of animal testing, and finally (and happily) a heartening picture of Fauna Sanctuary's commitment and compassion." - *Publishers Weekly*

"The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary is a true story of endurance and resilience, compassion, dedication

and love. I knew the prison-like conditions of the medical research facility from which Gloria [Grow] rescued these chimpanzees; when I visited them at their new sanctuary I was moved to tears. Finally they had reached a secure haven where, gradually, they could recover from their years of torment. Andrew Westoll is a born story teller: *The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary*, written with empathy and skill, tenderness and humour, involves us in a world few understand. And leaves us marveling at the ways in which chimpanzees are so like us, and why they deserve our help and are entitled to our respect."

--Jane Goodall Ph.D., DBE

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"This book will make you think deeply about our relationship with great apes. It amazed me to discover the behaviors and feelings of the chimpanzees."—Temple Grandin, author of *Animals in Translation*

"This book is a wonder. Passionate, intelligent, moving and, above all, tremendously important, it illustrates the triumph of the wild spirit and offers surprising hope that the human animal might yet be redeemed. Think of Peter Singer's *Animal Liberation* and J.M. Coetzee's *The Lives of Animals*, and you'll have some idea of what it is you hold in your hands. It has been a long time since any author has inspired me to such extremes of compassion and humility."—Barbara Gowdy, author of *The White Bone*

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