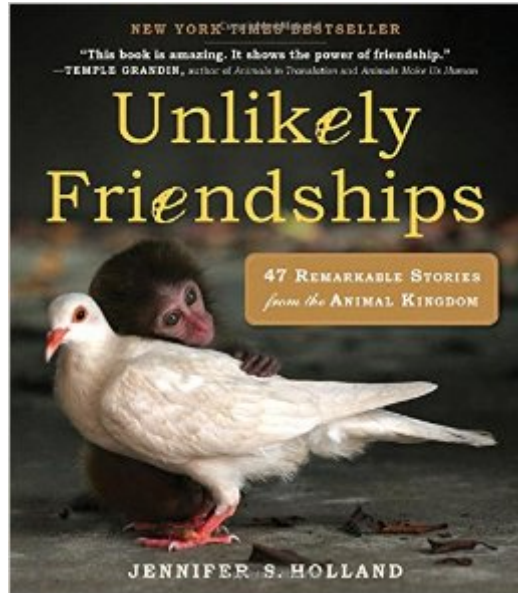


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# Unlikely Friendships: 47 Remarkable Stories From The Animal Kingdom



## Synopsis

Written by National Geographic magazine writer Jennifer Holland, *Unlikely Friendships* documents one heartwarming tale after another of animals who, with nothing else in common, bond in the most unexpected ways. A cat and a bird. A mare and a fawn. An elephant and a sheep. A snake and a hamster. The well-documented stories of Koko the gorilla and All Ball the kitten; and the hippo Owen and the tortoise Mzee. And almost inexplicable stories of predators befriending prey—a Indian leopard slips into a village every night to sleep with a calf. A lioness mothers a baby oryx. It is exactly like Isaiah 11:6: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . ."

Ms. Holland narrates the details and arc of each story, and also offers insights into why—how the young leopard, probably motherless, sought maternal comfort with the calf, and how a baby oryx inspired the same mothering instinct in the lioness. Or, in the story of Kizzy, a nervous retired Greyhound, and Murphy, a red tabby, how cats and dogs actually understand each other's body language. With Murphy's friendship and support, Kizzy recovered from life as a racing dog and became a confident, loyal family pet. These are the most amazing friendships between species, collected from around the world and documented in a selection of full-color candid photographs.

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senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendor and travail of the earth." --Henry Beston

Some people might think that it's impossible for animals to feel the same emotions humans have and be able to bond and nurture a colorful friendship. My own experience convinces me to believe that pets do have friendships not only with kids but their household room mates and next door the same way kids do. They play together and sleep next to each other, giving us a vivid example of how should we likewise behave towards our fellow humans; "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." St. Francis of Assisi

The amazing book, "Unlikely Friendships," shares with its readers stories of friendship, and inter-species affection, such as the expressive cover of a little monkey gently resting his head on the back of a peaceful white dove. The conscious universe's troubadour of the uplifting volume turned to be National Geographic Magazine's senior writer Jennifer Holland. She got a great win for nature advocate, and animal friendly fellowship. The admirable author who normally writes about, "critters that are harder to love," in her own words, takes her readers to the amazing worlds of my grand children, Noah and especially three years Oliver.

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