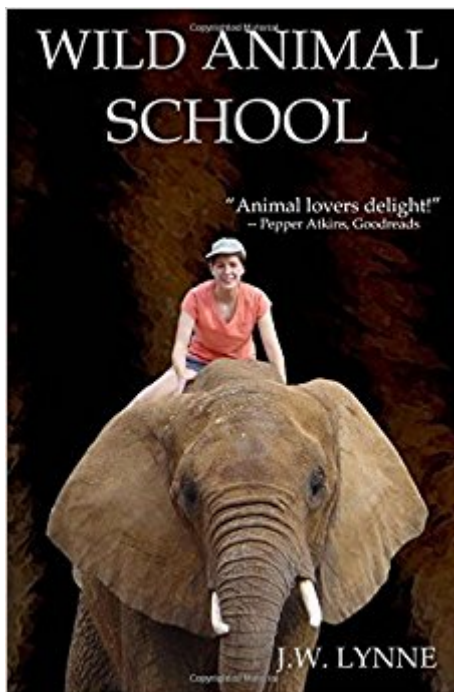


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An excerpt from *Wild Animal School*: Jaipur rushes out of the trailer and breathes in the wildflowers tucked in the lush grass. She walks to the end of her leash, checking out every bit of her new surroundings. She completely ignores me. After about fifteen minutes of enthusiastic exploring, Jaipur finally lies down in the grass. Tim fills a large metal bowl with water and places it in front of her, and I sit on the step of Tim's truck watching Jaipur's pink tongue dip over and over into her water bowl. Sitting there with the trucks, trailers, and tigers, I feel like I've joined the circus. "Ready to learn how to greet a tiger?" Tim asks me. Although I hear myself say that I am, I'm not so sure. "Okay, you're going to approach Jaipur from her side," Tim says. "Once you get close to her, position your greeting stick by her shoulder. If she tries to get her mouth near you, you'll push her away. If she's behaving, use your other hand to give her firm strokes down her back. Got it?" "Yes," I say, forcing my voice to sound strong. "When you're standing next to the tiger," Paul adds, "you'll want to keep the side of your body toward the animal, rather than the front of your body. That way you don't get eviscerated if the tiger decides to take a swipe at you." "Good to know. I'm starting to have second, or maybe they are third, thoughts." "All right then. Go ahead," Tim says. Jaipur is still lounging, not paying any attention to us. I slowly walk toward her from the side. Jaipur senses me. She turns to face me. "Stop," Tim says in a low, calm voice. "Don't approach her head-on." I freeze in place. Tim continues, "The reason she turned toward you is that you seemed hesitant. If you're anxious, the tiger thinks there's something wrong. It makes her wary. Try again from the side, but be confident." Just like that, Tim wants me to let go of all of my fears. He wants me to completely disregard the part of my brain that says, Do not go near a wild animal. It's the same part of my brain that has kept me safe for sixteen years. But I do trust Tim. I don't think he wants me to get eviscerated. I step to Jaipur's side and walk forward, faking a confidence that I don't have. I move closer and closer, forcing anxious thoughts out of my brain. Slowing my nervous breathing. Calming my pounding heart.

As someone who could not accurately be called an animal lover (I like them best in zoos and natural history museums), I was surprised to find this book so engrossing. The author's experience with animal training is clearly firsthand, lending realism to her descriptions of the main character's tentative first interactions with bears, tigers, and other beasts that most sane people would only approach from behind a three-inch pane of glass. There is a young love plot thread that may appeal to fans of romance, but for me the sparks really fly when the protagonist is obliged to play games of dominance and submission with species other than her own. I was propelled through the book by the risk and wonder of interacting with wild creatures, and there was more to experience with each chapter.

Here is a blurb of what the book is about. AT THIS SCHOOL, EVERY LESSON IS AN ADVENTURE. Sixteen-year-old Jessica Rainville's dream of working with exotic animals is about to come true. She's signed up to spend a summer learning to train and care for tigers, lions, leopards, bears, and elephants at an exotic animal ranch. She will pet tigers, train grizzly bears, ride bareback on elephants, and, despite her best efforts, she will fall in love. But Jessica's summer at the exotic animal ranch will test her in ways that she never imagined. And just one mistake can mean the difference between life and death. WILD ANIMAL SCHOOL is a romantic young adult contemporary coming-of-age novel that is a must-read for animal lovers, especially those who have ever considered a career working with animals, from zookeeper to animal trainer. I found this book to be a very interesting story. It was a page turner I couldn't put it down. I feel the author is a talented writer. The way the author writes makes you feel like you are apart of the story. While reading this story I pretended to be a animal trainer too. I would recommend everyone should read this book.

I loved this book! It hooked me from the beginning and by the end I didn't want it to end! Can't wait to read more from this author! Animal lovers delight!

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