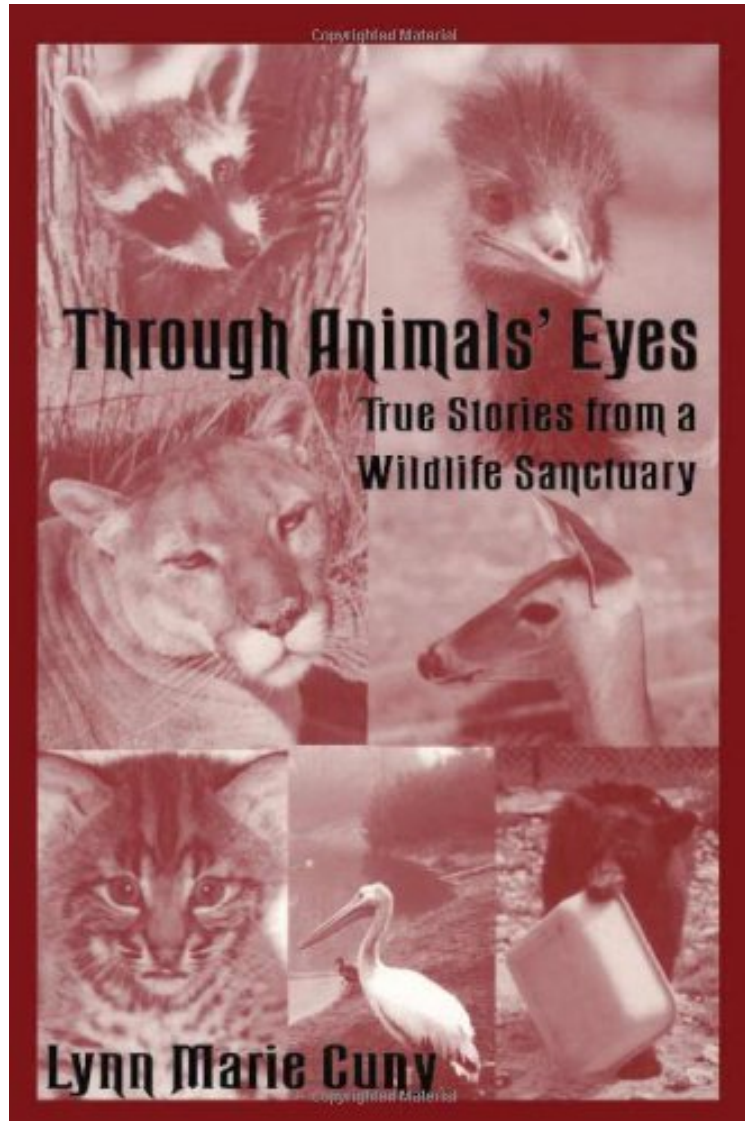


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Founded by Lynn Cuny in 1977, Wildlife Rescue Rehabilitation (WRR) provides rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned, injured and displaced wildlife. WRR also gives permanent care, in large natural habitats, to indigenous wildlife who, due to severe injuries, have been deemed non-releasable. Permanent care is also provided for non-indigenous wild animals who have been victimized by the exotic pet trade, rescued from roadside zoos, or retired from research facilities. WRR rescues over 5,000 animals annually and maintains a 365-days-a-year wildlife emergency hotline. Through the stories of her experiences with the various animals, Lynn hopes to dispel the belief that non-human animals do not reason, have no emotions, show no compassion for each other and for other species. Lynn's stories from WRR range from the humorous to the tragic, from the surprising to the inevitable. The animals she describes range from the day-old field mouse to the three-legged coyote; from a fox-loving hen to the exotic and abused mountain lions, macaque monkeys and black bears. Always, she reveals the dignity of each animal, trying to survive in a world made cruel and dangerous by the thoughtlessness of humans.

From Kirkus Inmate stories from an animal rescue sanctuary, heartening but also scolding and righteous, from sanctuary director Cuny. Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, founded in Texas 20 years ago by Cuny, tends for and hopefully returns to the wild "injured, orphaned, abused and displaced wild animals." If the injuries are severe enough, the animals stay at the sanctuary for the rest of their lives. It is a rare and profoundly humanitarian operation, and one certainly deserving of our appreciation. Cuny includes here 31 vignettes of animals or animal groups that have found their way, for the short or long term, to the sanctuary. They are almost all animals victimized by human malfeasance, with Cuny charging in to save the creature and the day. Of the 5,000 animals the sanctuary ministers to annually, a few are exotics macaques and bobcats and mountain lions but by far the greatest number are raccoons, ducks, birds, fox, deer, coyote, even mice; all are welcome, from squirrel to timber wolf. All have a story, of being tormented in roadside zoos, caught in steel-jaw traps and fishing lines, rescued from the trade in unusual animals and from research institutions; and all exhibit a wonderful will to live. Unfortunately, Cuny's writing is schmaltzy and frequently over the top, as when she refers to one cat as "this beautiful animal, this precious, mysterious, secretive, misunderstood, irreplaceable and majestic cat." Even worse, her tone exudes a pious superiority ("I was willing to do whatever it took"; "I returned faithfully each night"); it isn't long before readers inexplicably begins to sense a guilty finger being pointed in their direction. There is an annoying aura of self-promotion at play, which detracts from the good deeds and alienates those who otherwise might have been inspired by the sanctuary's achievements. (88 bw photos, not seen) (Book-of-the-Month Club/Quality Paperback Book Club selection) -- Copyright ©1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. One Spirit Book Club has chosen Through Animals' Eyes as a featured selection in their April issue. We hope that the added publicity will encourage more people to read and enjoy Through Animals' Eyes. The paragraph that follows is the text of the book club feature: When a bewildered, pregnant doe soared through the plateglass window of a real estate office in San Antonio, Texas, the people inside knew whom to call. For over 17 years, Lynn Marie Cuny and Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, the organization she founded, have helped to save injured or abused wild animals. In this case, thanks to Lynn and her group, the doe and her fawn (delivered by C-section) both survived. Their story is representative of 29 others found in Through Animals' Eyes, a book of hope and recovery that surprises as often as it moves us. (Would you have guessed that vultures love to play and can be quite picky about what they eat?) The account of a mockingbird that, having lost her brood, raises an orphan sparrow as her own, is beautiful, even to those hesitant about attributing emotion to animals. In the end, it's hard to know which to admire more: the animals' amazing strength and will to survive or the caring human beings like Lynn Cuny who made their stories possible. -- One Spirit Book Club, Featured Selection, April 1999 About the Author Lynn Cuny, Executive Director of WRR, began her rescue work at the age of three by saving the lives of earthworms after a hard rain. She serves on the boards of the Summerlee Foundation and the Ahimsa Foundation and lives outside of San Antonio.