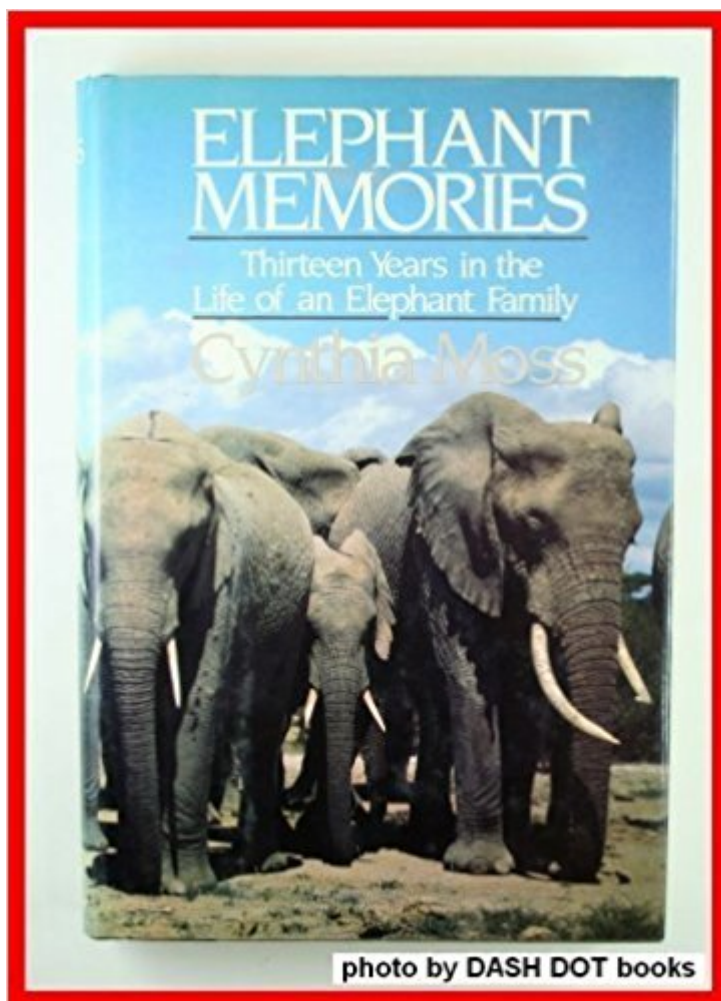


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# Elephant Memories: Thirteen Years In The Life Of An Elephant Family



## Synopsis

An in-depth study of one family of African elephants in Kenya's Amboseli National Park observes their search for food, joyful reunions, mating and birth, the struggle against drought, and more.

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Amboseli National Park, near Mt. Kilimanjaro in southern Kenya, is home ground to some 600 elephants; this herd has been relatively free from human interference and was a major focus for field study. Moss, author of *Portraits in the Wild*, has been involved with the elephants of Amboseli since 1973; she and her colleagues have made a substantial contribution to our knowledge of elephant biology and behavior. Here, she follows one extended family through 13 years of good times and bad times, observing details of their daily lives. The book is organized by year and topic: each chapter begins with a synthesized narrative that introduces a single phase of life such as mating, migration, social behavior, births and calves (this is the first study of elephant newborns and their development) that relates to family history. This is a captivating story of individual animals', rather than the author's, adventures. Moss affirms the old tale about elephants assisting one of their own who is injured or dying; she also reports that they recognize bare and bleached bones of their species. Any reader interested in animals will be captivated. Photos. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Moss builds upon earlier elephant studies, such as Iain and Oria Douglas-Hamilton's *Among the*

Elephants (1975), by producing a complete census of the elephants in one area, Amboseli National Park in Kenya, and focusing on population dynamics and such little-understood behavior as childbearing and -raising. Moss focuses on a single family and uses semi-fictionalized episodes written from the elephants' point of view to generate sympathy, but also provides detailed and objective information. Her final chapter addresses the problems of elephant control and conservation, arguing pragmatically that ivory dealers have a stake in preserving the species. Suitable for both general libraries and zoological collections. Beth Clewis, S.I.L.S., Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Fantastic. A scientist who writes beautifully, and distinctly, lives near Elephant herds, and basically watches their actions, it seems like 24 hours a day. This is the real McCoy, not just a quick encounter with elephants as such, as in other books I have read.. These are intelligent, caring , and loving beings, too bad than man is so evely destructive to them.

The detailed documentation and minutiae of elephant grazing patterns was boring at times for a non-specialist like myself. However, the knowledge, dedication and world class expertise that Cynthia Moss brings to her task are both beyond incredible. Her descriptions of elephant behavior--especially estrous and musth are absolutely fascinating. Even taking into account the long descriptions and charts that are of little interest to the non-professional elephant observer, this book is beyond wonderful! What's in It for Me? Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives by Rabbi Stephen Lewis Fuchs

This book is for people who REALLY love elephants & their day to day existence in the wild. I didn't actually finish it, it got a bit redundant. The writings aren't in a story - it's observations of elephant families in the wild. Don't read if you want a story. Honestly, I think I enjoyed more than your average person.

Oh, how I loved this book. While I've always liked elephants and am a donor to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, my interest was piqued by Jodi Picoult's gorgeous Leaving Time. This book was the next logical read for me and I was not disappointed. Very accessible, fascinating, informative. I couldn't have loved it more.

What a great book this is. I am an elephant-lover, always have been, but even if you aren't I

recommend this book. In fact, if you do read it, you WILL be an elephant-lover. Cynthia Moss writes so beautifully; the words just flow!!

Cynthia Moss is a master when it comes to reviewing work on Elephants. She has forgotten more than most people have learned. It is always a pleasure to read her work. Can we have some more please.can I please have some help with the Elephants of Mapungubwe? 5 stars.

Great book, well-written. Love it!

I think it is an excellent book. So very interesting to learn how good and protective and family oriented the elephant is. I truly admire Cynthia for devoting her life to learn about these animals and giving us the opportunity to share her knowledge about them. I really enjoy reading true stories about animals period. Needless to say I am an animal lover.

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