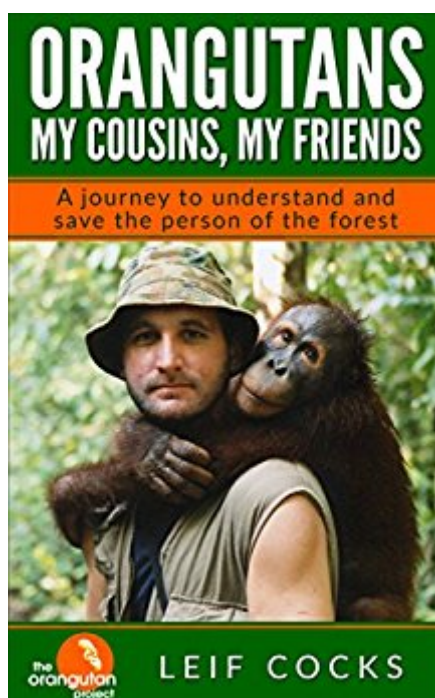


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# Orangutans My Cousins, My Friends: A Journey To Understand And Save The Person Of The Forest



## Synopsis

Orangutans My Cousins, My Friends...For almost 3 decades Leif Cocks has tirelessly worked for orangutans to improve their welfare in captivity and ensure their ongoing survival in the wild. As an author, speaker and founder of the international charity, The Orangutan Project, he is recognised globally as an expert in his chosen field. In his latest book, Orangutans. My Cousins, My Friends he shares with us the fascinating inside story of his personal journey, a journey which ultimately led him to dedicate his life to the care and conservation of all orangutans and their natural habitats.

Combined with his personal insights he shares the captivating and sometimes challenging stories of the many orangutans he was worked for over the years. And perhaps, most importantly, he explains the key philosophies underpinning the work of his organisation, The Orangutan Project, and outlines the fundamental shifts in thinking and behaviour that we, as humans, must make if we are to avoid the imminent extinction of our remarkable orange cousins. Part memoir, part philosophical discussion, part scientific case for conservation and 100% a call to action for all who wish to help save this critically endangered Great Ape, Leif's book will inspire, inform and touch hearts. And it may just change the way you see and act in the world forever. In this inspiring book, you will learn:

- The 4 specific characteristics which differentiate the orangutans from other Great Apes
- Why orangutans are the most intelligent beings on the planet today, second only to humans
- Leif's personal journey to know and understand orangutans and how he came to be an expert witness in a human rights case on behalf of an orangutan named Sandra
- The 5 things you can start doing today to help save the orangutans from extinction and preserve the last remaining populations of these critically endangered species in the wild
- Learn how by protecting and conserving their rainforest habitat we can also save the planet for future generations
- Plus the remarkable, heart warming stories of some of the orangutans, Leif has come to know as friends

and much, much more!"I am often asked why I choose to work for orangutans. And my honest answer is, that in many ways, it was the orangutans who first chose me. As I'm sure you can imagine, my answer is often met with quizzical looks, raised eyebrows and an even greater curiosity on the part of the questioner. But the truth is that I never consciously planned to do this work. Nor did I envision myself as becoming an author, a speaker or an outspoken campaigner on their behalf. And I certainly had no idea that I would one day found and lead an international conservation charity, The Orangutan Project, to ensure the welfare and survival of our remarkable orange cousins. However, from experience, I've come to see that life has a way of putting unexpected possibilities and significant choices across our paths, and the decision is always our individual responsibility as to how we will respond. So it was for me, that by the time we started The

Orangutan Project back in 1998, it had become the single, most obvious course of action for me to take. In fact, to not start the organisation and dedicate my life to this work was simply no-longer an optionâ |."

## **Book Information**

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The plight of orang-utans as their rainforest homes are devastated in order to grow palm oil plantations is no secret but the simple ungarnished telling of how the author became a committed champion to their protection and the reasons why leave one in no doubt that a terrible crime is being perpetrated and we need to be on the side of the good guys. The author brings the reader into contact with the many orang-utans he has come to know with an immediacy and understanding that comes from a passionate belief in our connectedness with all living beings. I thoroughly recommend this book and urge readers to join the author in protecting the orang-utans from extinction.

Leif Cocks is an eco hero of our time. His interesting stories and personal journey from zookeeper to

conservationist are heartbreaking and heartwarming in equal parts. Orangutans are an interesting species for so many reasons, and our need to save them is abundantly clear. Yet it is Leif's words about orangutans that transcend across the page right into your heart. Reading about his involvement in the birth of some of his littlest charges makes you realise that his relationship to these beings is like that of a father, brother, best friend or cousin - they are his world. Great read.Â Orangutans My Cousins, My Friends: A journey to understand and save the person of the forest

If you care about the future of our planet and of all of our endangered species, it is critical that you read this book. Leif Cocks shows us how the plight of the precious orangutans will certainly extend to all humanity if we do not collectively do something now. The author's passion for his subject comes through vividly - the book is masterfully done!

Interesting story of a very sincere human being who continues to work so hard to protect the habitat of his beloved orangutans. His genuineness shines through this book and his love and admiration for these beautiful, gentle and very intelligent creatures is evident in every page. Inspiring, uplifting and heartwarming. A wonderful window into the world of the orangutan.

Leif Cocks has a relationship with orangutans that few people have. He has taken his passion to understand the species and to create an organization which is the leading advocacy group in the world. Along his journey he has become transformed in way that will touch and inspire the reader. A must read for anyone who has an interest in conservation.

A fascinating story made more memorable when you think that the profits go towards orangutan conservation. Met the author at the launch and he is one passionate storyteller: a man with a cause, and a cause that I admire.

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