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Author A.N. Irons' Debut Book Shares the Touching Journey of a Hornbill's Unique Care and Unbreakable Bond with His Zookeeper



Animal lovers and young readers are in for a heartwarming treat with the release of Horton Hornbill, a new children's book written by veteran zookeeper A.N. Irons. Drawing from her two decades of experience working with wildlife, Irons tells the captivating true story of Horton, a special needs hornbill who was raised by a compassionate zookeeper and found his forever home outside the zoo.

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In Horton Hornbill, Irons shares the emotional journey of raising Horton, a bird with unique challenges that prevented him from thriving in a typical zoo environment. While many animals would return to their natural habitat or remain in a zoo, Horton's situation called for an extraordinary decision. Through a mix of tender care and understanding, Horton found his place as a cherished

family member in Irons' home, where he continues to thrive under her care.

"I've always believed in the bond between humans and animals, but Horton's story is something truly special," said Irons. "Raising him and seeing how much joy he brings to everyone he meets has been a life-changing experience. I wanted to share this incredible journey to inspire others, especially children, to appreciate the deep connections we can form with animals and the importance of giving them the right environment to flourish."

The story is perfect for children aged 4-8 and is filled with vibrant illustrations and a heartwarming message about love, responsibility, and what it means to care for an animal who needs a little extra attention. Parents and animal lovers alike will be touched by the message of compassion and dedication that resonates throughout the narrative.

Irons, who holds a BA from Smith College and an MA from George Mason University, has dedicated over twenty years to animal care and education. She has served on multiple committees with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), further cementing her commitment to animal welfare. Horton Hornbill is her first published work, which she hopes will help raise awareness about the diverse needs of animals and the rewarding experiences of raising a special needs pet.

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