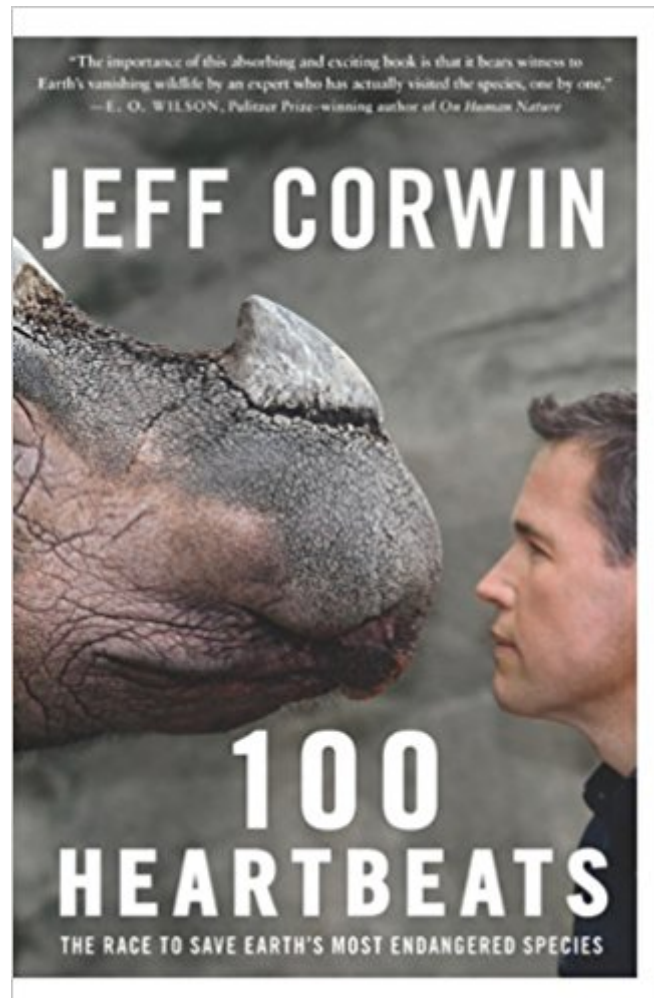




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100 Heartbeats: The Race To Save Earth's Most Endangered Species



Synopsis

Popular television host Jeff Corwin takes readers on a gripping journey around the world to meet the animals threatened by extinction. It's no secret that our planet is in crisis. Environmental threats such as climate change, pollution, habitat loss, and land degradation threaten the survival of thousands of plant and animal species. In *100 Heartbeats*, Jeff Corwin provides an urgent portrait of the wildlife teetering on the brink. From the forests slipping away beneath the stealthy paws of the Florida panther, to the giant panda's plight to climb ever higher in the mountains of China, Corwin takes you on a global tour to witness firsthand the critical state of our natural world. Along the way, he shares inspiring stories of battles being waged and won by the conservationists on the front lines of defense. The race to save the planet's most endangered wildlife is under way. Every heartbeat matters.

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Biologist, Emmy Award-winning producer and TV host Corwin discusses polar and panda bears, Florida panthers and Bengal tigers, and other creatures in this valuable, far-reaching look at endangered species and global efforts to save them (published in conjunction with an MSNBC documentary). He begins with recollections of a trip to "the ice-locked village of Kaktovik, 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle," where Corwin joins scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey studying polar bears, the first animals listed as endangered "due to climate change and the resulting shrinking of sea ice." Determined but far from didactic, Corwin hops the globe discussing a range of land and sea animals in immediate danger, but also the people who live among them and work for

their preservation. He also highlights success stories: the California condor, for example, "teetered precariously at an estimated 22 birds in 1987," but intensive captive-breeding efforts have helped bring the population to more than 300. Proving that smart, concerted conservation can and does work, Corwin manages to dull the hopelessness and build a strong case for continuing efforts now and in the future. 16 pages of color photos. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Corwin states that the only species capable of saving endangered animals is the one that got them into trouble in the first place—humans. The "100 heartbeats" of the title refers to just how scarce these animals are: each species with 100 or fewer living individuals. Animal Planet star Jeff Corwin looks at the critically endangered and examines what is being done to save them, beginning with a chapter that discusses the broad causes of extinction—global warming and the loss of habitat—and then examines specific threats to endangered species while looking at animals most at risk from these threats. The cats, both big and small, and the giant panda are poster species for habitat loss; Hawaiian honeycreepers and Puerto Rican crested toads suffer from the depredations of introduced alien species; California condors and Chinese alligators contend with pollution of their limited habitat; and illegal hunting and capture for the pet trade doom elephants and many primates. Corwin's conversational, upbeat style makes readers care about the species in peril. --Nancy Bent --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

"100 HEARTBEATS" by Animal conservationist, Jeff Corwin is an informative book based on the world's most endangered animal species. His book's title refers to the most critically endangered species that have 100 or fewer individual animals that are still alive today. Although some of those animals are listed, the book goes into various other species that are still relatively high in number, but...on a downward spiral for survival. Mr. Corwin is extremely passionate and knowledgeable regarding his life's work and purposefully... transfers some of those feelings to his readers. The book is an on-going virtual encyclopedia of specific animals and their tragic stories. Corwin uses a great deal of statistics to help solidify his arguments which would be better used... as a prosecutor in poaching cases. Sometimes, the on-going "statistical barrages" and "salvos of doom" become depressing to read without a break of fresh air... somewhere in between. Corwin is to the world of land animals, what the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is to their oceanic counterparts. He is today's on-going "Steve Irwin" and an important link in the crusade to champion a very serious and troubling war that will ultimately affect us all. This is a book with some old and, some new

information. It is an important book with an important message. Hopefully, Mr. Corwin's pleas will not fall upon deaf ears.

A very easy read, couldn't put the book down. This should be mandatory reading in schools, to raise awareness and compel people to do something to save the planet, and thus, ourselves. I have personally witnessed the change in sea life over the last 25 years and it's shocking to look through my old dive logs and realize I see only a fraction of the sea life that I did 25 years ago. This book would make a great birthday or Christmas present for anyone that loves animals.

Corwin uses this book, correctly, as a vehicle to push for greater protection for endangered species around the world. The chapters are fairly short and arranged by species. It does get a bit repetitive seeming as these are all near-extinct species, but this can actually be a strength in a rallying cry. All-in-all, this book was a good & quick read and is a great book to interest high schoolers in endangered species and in reading non-fiction more generally.

I have always loved Jeff Corwin and this book has cemented him as an amazing author in my opinion. In 100 Heartbeats, he introduces you to endangered animals all over the world. Not just the ones you can think of off the top of your head, but those animals that aren't always thought or cared about. He does an amazing job of painting a picture for the reader with his descriptions of the animals and the cool places that he has visited. The amount of research that was done was also incredible. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves animals and cares what will happen to them in the future. Chelsea, OSU Comp Student 2010.

Jeff Corwin's writing is just as entertaining as his presence on TV. A lot of great information concerning wildlife conservation.

Great book!

great read, really enjoyed.

Great, well-written book. Should be required reading for high school and college students in science.

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