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Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue

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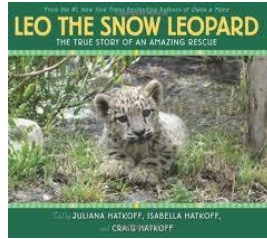
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Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Informative; Picture books;

Subject: Snow leopard--Juvenile literature; Wildlife rescue--Pakistan--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

A goat herder in Pakistan discovers a snow leopard without his mother. Warily he watches the cub, and when he thinks the tiny cat is alone, takes the spot animal home with him. His family is happy to find such an extraordinary creature as a pet. They name him Leo, and he becomes part of the family, drinking goats milk and being taken care of by the children. When the goat herder contacts the World Wildlife Fund for endangered animals, they jump at the opportunity to adopt such a rare animal. The United States Embassy then negotiates with officials to transport the endangered cub. Leo now lives in a habitat made especially for him in the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo with his mate Shelby.

The Hatkoffs tell a fascinating rescue story of an endangered orphan snow leopard. The true story and color photographs will capture and hold the reader's attention. The extensive text makes this book one for older children or independent readers.

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