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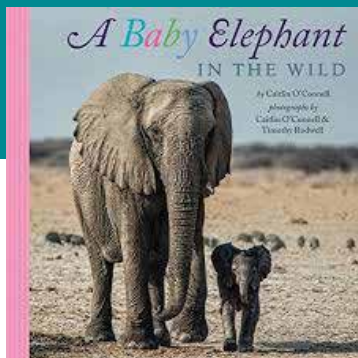
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Book Review

A Baby Elephant in the Wild



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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

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Pages

45

Year

2014

Publisher

Houghton Mifflin Har-

ISBN

9780544149441

A Baby Elephant in the Wild follows the story of the baby elephant Liza, born in the scrub desert of Namibia. Luckily for Liza, she has a mother that will protect and teach her as she grows up. Although Liza was born weighing 250 pounds, her mother weighs about 8,000 pounds. Liza has a lot of learning and growing to do! Liza learns what plants are safe to eat, how to take a dust bath, and how to drink from a river. She also learns from her family where she needs to stay to be safe from poachers and farmers. As Liza continues to learn and grow, she will be ready to pass on her wisdom to the next generation of elephants born in Namibia.

A Baby Elephant in the Wild tells the true story of Liza the elephant, as photographed and researched by elephant scientist Caitlin O'Connell and her husband Timothy Rodwell. This book is perfect for children curious about the lives of elephants and will plant a desire to learn more about these magnificent creatures. The book contains beautiful pictures from the scrub desert of Namibia and accurate facts about baby elephants and their families. Although the story of baby Liza is sweet and entertaining for children, the book is also informational and useful to learn more about elephants. The end of the book contains a page of "Did you know?" facts about elephants and a note from the author. Reading this story with children will help them learn more about an elephant's first year of life and will inspire them to learn more.