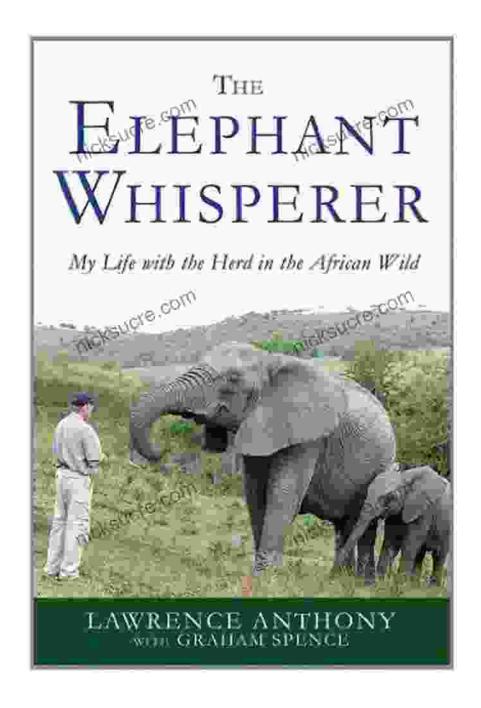
Lawrence Anthony Graham Spence: The Elephant Whisperer



Lawrence Anthony Graham Spence (March 16, 1950 – March 2, 2012) was a world-renowned conservationist and elephant expert. He was best known for his work with the Thula Thula Private Game Reserve in South Africa,

where he lived with and cared for a herd of elephants. Spence was also a successful author and lecturer, and he shared his knowledge and passion for elephants with people around the world.



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Early Life and Education

Spence was born in Durban, South Africa, in 1950. He grew up on a farm, where he developed a love for animals at a young age. After graduating from high school, Spence studied zoology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He later earned a master's degree in conservation biology from the University of Pretoria.

Work with Elephants

In 1999, Spence purchased the Thula Thula Private Game Reserve in Zululand, South Africa. The reserve was home to a herd of elephants that had been orphaned or abandoned. Spence quickly developed a close bond with the elephants, and he became known as the "Elephant Whisperer." He

spent many hours observing the elephants' behavior, and he learned a great deal about their social structure and communication methods.

Spence's work with elephants was groundbreaking. He was one of the first people to demonstrate that elephants are highly intelligent and emotional animals. He showed that elephants are capable of forming deep and lasting relationships with humans, and that they are capable of great compassion and empathy.

Spence's work with elephants also had a significant impact on conservation. He helped to raise awareness about the plight of elephants in Africa, and he worked to protect them from poaching and habitat loss.

Books and Lectures

Spence was a prolific writer and lecturer. He wrote several books about elephants, including "The Elephant Whisperer" (2009) and "Elephants of Eden" (2011). He also gave lectures around the world, sharing his knowledge and passion for elephants with people of all ages.

Awards and Recognition

Spence's work with elephants earned him numerous awards and accolades. He was named the Conservationist of the Year by the International Fund for Animal Welfare in 2009, and he was awarded the Order of the Golden Ark by the Netherlands in 2011.

Death and Legacy

Spence died of a heart attack on March 2, 2012, at the age of 61. He was survived by his wife, Francoise, and his two children, Jason and Erin.

Spence's legacy lives on through his work with elephants. He helped to change the way that people view these magnificent animals, and he inspired countless people to care about their conservation.

Lawrence Anthony Graham Spence was a true pioneer in the field of elephant conservation. His work helped to raise awareness about the plight of elephants in Africa, and he inspired people around the world to care about these amazing animals. Spence's legacy will continue to live on for many years to come.



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