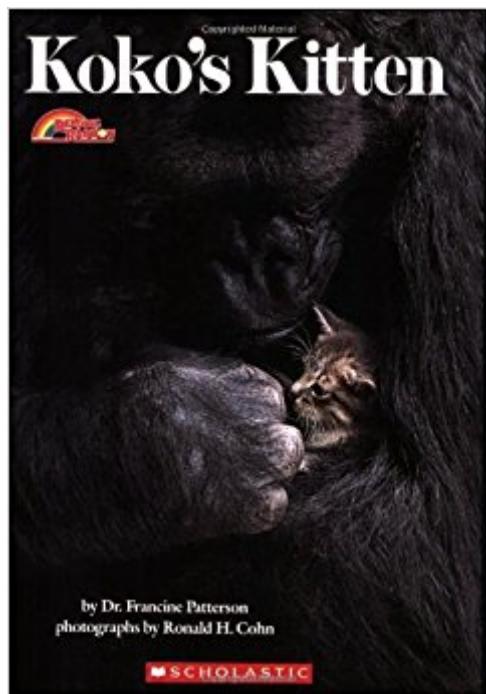


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Koko's Kitten (Rise And Shine)



Synopsis

Koko the gorilla uses sign language to talk to her handlers. When she asks for a pet, her handlers search high and low for the perfect companion.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

In *The Education of Koko*, an adult title, Patterson described her successful career as a teacher and caretaker of a female gorilla, Koko. Since 1972, the author and Koko have been communicating in sign language, mostly on subjects important to the big, surprisingly gentle animal. Before Koko's 12th birthday, she signed that she wanted "Cereal there. Good there drink. Cat." Later she repeated, "Cat. Cat. Cat." So Patterson brought a kitten to visit; Koko named him All Ball (he had no tail) and mothered the mite with the love visible in Cohn's wonderful color photos. They show vividly the humanlike relationship developing between the huge gorilla and her tiny baby. When All Ball is killed by a car and Koko signs "Cry, sad, frown," and weeps, we know why the author cries too. It's gratifying to report that, in time, Koko expressed "Good. Nice." Her new kitten had come to stay.

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Grade 1-4 The cover photo alone is all that is needed to "sell" this book the smallest, most delicate

of kitten profiles in the massively careful embrace of a glistening gorilla, whose bare-knuckled fist is four times the size of the diminutive feline's head, and whose face radiates tenderness. Koko is one of a number of great apes in various experimental communication programs and is remarkably conversant in American Sign Language, used by hundreds of thousands of hearing-impaired people. With her linguistic skill, she asked for, and finally received, the small, tailless tabby kitten she promptly named All Ball. This brief, moving book records Koko's relationship with her pet. All Ball was groomed, played with, cuddled and loved, and never once showed fear of her large foster-mother, outlandish though she might seem to feline eyes. The growing relationship was cut horribly short by All Ball's death beneath the wheels of a car, and Koko's grief is dramatically recorded on film. Fortunately, Koko was given the opportunity to have another kitten, and chose a second tailless Manx. In a happy new beginning, she is shown cuddling "Lipstick." In beautiful color photos, and a brief accompanying text, Patterson and Cohn let readers see beneath the glossy fur, the heavy brows and the animal shape to the gentle mind that wanted something to love and be loved by. An empathy-building book of high degree. Patricia Manning, Eastchester Public Library, N.Y. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

My kids watched a Netflix documentary about Coco and her sign language. I was so excited to find this. They absolutely adore this book. Shipment was superquick, and they can't wait to share it with their friends at school tomorrow.

Bought this for my grandson after watching the documentary. He loved it.

Dr Patterson has written this beautiful book which I would advise anyone to read whether child or adult. It demonstrates the capability of animals to love other species in a most pure and lovely way. I have put it on my coffee table and everyone who sees it is enthralled. I will buy more copies as gifts for children. The photographs of Koko make you want to hug her. It has made me have a wider interest in Koko and the Gorilla Foundation and I am now a supporter. Well done Penny and thank you for all your wonderful work with Koko.

This has long been a favorite book. We have shared it with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Animals like people are not on earth just to entertain us. Animals and people love, care, and are curious. They, like us, show their emotions through tears, laughter, touch, and anger or frustration. If we listen with compassion we can learn about each other; we all grow; and

we all keep treasures in our hearts forever.

I've loved this book for a long time, and have shared it with many students who have all reacted positively. It's just an endearing, well-written true story. For teachers, this narrative includes an expository article explaining that it is nonfiction and giving details of the scientist's decision to work with Koko. Interesting! (It also arrived on time, in the condition named.)

We have loved this book for about 25 years! Our children, and now our grandchildren, loved having this book read to them and enjoyed the beautiful pictures. I purchased this copy for a friend's son, who loves it, too! This book shows how Koko the gorilla learned sign language and expresses her feelings through signage. Very sweet and heartwarming! Our family would highly recommend this book!

I've loved this book since I was a child, and my two daughters now get to enjoy it as well. The book inspires lots of critical conversations, grief, loss, respecting animals, sign language, etc.

Couldn't be happier with the copy I got.

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