

# Tamed and Untamed

Close Encounters of the Animal Kind

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“Part Indiana Jones, part Emily Dickinson.”

—**THE BOSTON GLOBE**, describing Sy Montgomery

“Thomas writes using all five senses and at times seems to have access to that magical sixth.”

—**NEW YORK TIMES**

“Sy Montgomery and Elizabeth Marshall Thomas help move us closer to being better humans—by making wild things what they should be: our soul mates.”

—**VICKI CONSTANTINE CROKE**, from the Foreword

**S**y Montgomery and Elizabeth Marshall Thomas are not only pioneers in the field of animal study, but they are also best friends and thrilled to be working together on their first, joint book project.

Prolific authors with more than thirty published books between them, they have both been honored with lifetime achievement awards and graced the *New York Times* bestseller list—Thomas for *The Hidden Life of Dogs* and Montgomery for *The Soul of an Octopus*, which was also a National Book Award finalist. They have devoted their lives to sharing the animal kingdom’s magic with others and their combined wisdom is an indispensable contribution to the field of animal literature.

Now, for the first time ever, these two inspiring women have come together to share their collection of essays, *Tamed and Untamed*, that explore the minds, lives, and mysteries of animals. With humor, empathy, and introspection, Montgomery and Thomas offer a unique look into the lives of animals—wild and domestic—and examine the ways we connect with our fellow species.

We encourage you to assign coverage of this entertaining and informative book and be among the first to interview these authors as a team. Their deep knowledge and love of all creatures from man’s best friend to great white sharks is infectious.



Researching articles, films, and her twenty-one books for adults and children, author **Sy Montgomery** has been chased by an angry silverback gorilla in Rwanda, been hunted by a tiger in India, and swum with piranhas, electric eels, and pink dolphins in the Amazon. Her books for adults include *The Good Good Pig*, and *Birdology*. The recipient of numerous honors, including lifetime achievement awards from the Humane Society and the New England Booksellers Association, she lives in New Hampshire with her husband, border collie, and flock of chickens. Learn more at: [symontgomery.com](http://symontgomery.com).



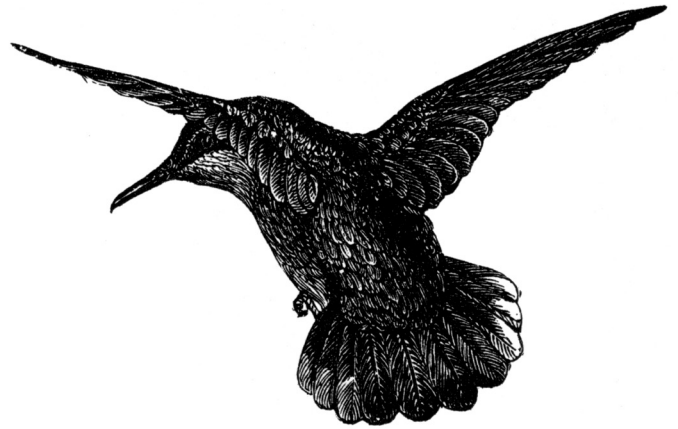
One of the most widely read authors on anthropology and animals wild and domestic, **Elizabeth Marshall Thomas** has observed dogs, cats, elephants, and human animals during her half-century-long career, all of which was inspired by her lengthy trips to Africa as a young woman. Her many books include *Dreaming of Lions*, *The Hidden Life of Dogs*, *The Social Lives of Dogs*, and *The Tribe of Tiger*. She lives in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Learn more at: [elizabethmarshallthomas.net](http://elizabethmarshallthomas.net)

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## 11 SHAREWORTHY ANIMAL FACTS FROM SY AND LIZ

1. Chickens can recognize many people and remember their faces.
2. Hyenas are more closely related to cats than dogs—and even more closely related to mongooses.
3. If a person were as active as a hummingbird, he would need to eat 155,000 calories a day.
4. Though there are 6,000 species of earthworms in North America, only a handful of them are native.
5. Goldfish can tell the difference between Bach's "Toccat and Fugue in D Minor" and Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring."
6. Cats prefer music with a faster tempo and a higher pitch than humans do.



7. Cat owners enjoy a 30 percent reduction in heart attack risk.
8. Birds can perceive, create, anticipate, and sync to the beat of musical patterns—a property of higher minds previously ascribed only to humans.
9. You're more likely to be injured by your room freshener than by a great white shark.
10. A certain kind of fungus, a chytrid, swims like a fish when it's young.
11. By gently squeezing a species of pufferfish in their mouths, dolphins cause the fish to release a hallucinogenic toxin—which they use to get high. Typically after a puff on the puffer, the dolphin passes the fish to a companion to enjoy.