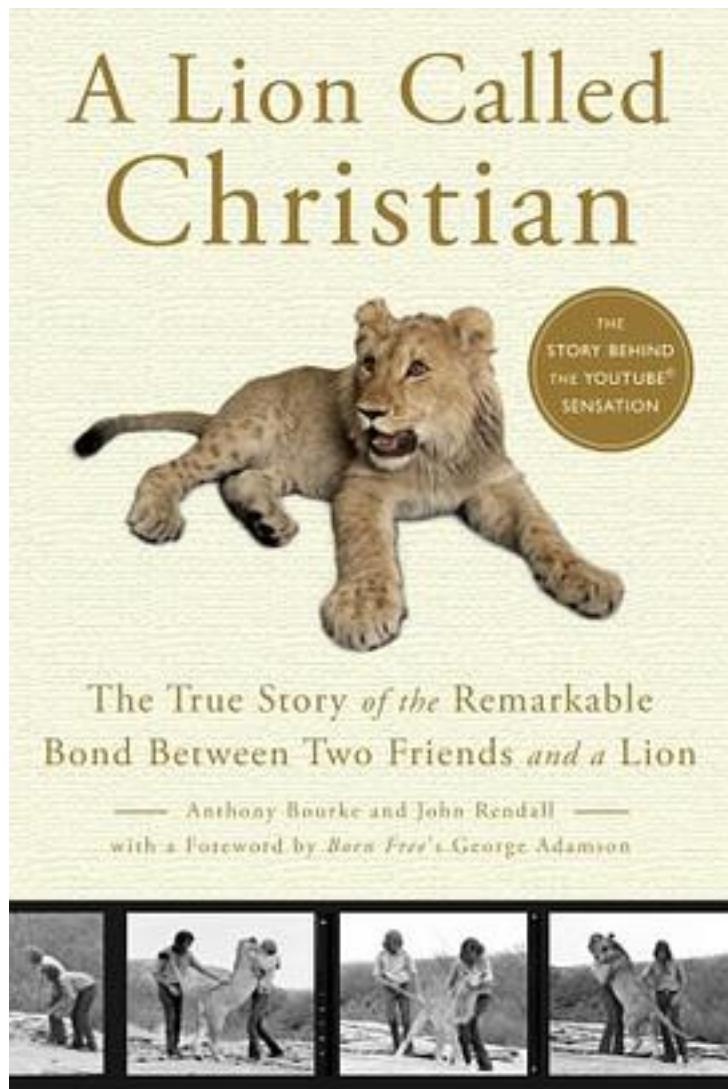


# A Lion Called Christian



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In 2008 an extraordinary two-minute film clip appeared on YouTube and immediately became an international phenomenon. It captures the moving reunion of two young men and their pet lion Christian, after they had left him in Africa with Born Free's George Adamson to introduce him into his rightful home in the wild.

A Lion Called Christian tells the remarkable story of how Anthony "Ace" Bourke and John Rendall, visitors to London from Australia in 1969, bought the boisterous lion cub in the pet department of Harrods. For several months, the three of them shared a flat above a furniture shop on London's King's Road, where the charismatic and intelligent Christian quickly became a local celebrity, cruising the streets in the back of a Bentley, popping in for lunch at a local restaurant, even posing for a fashion advertisement. But the lion cub was growing up—fast—and soon even the walled church garden where he went for exercise wasn't large enough for him. How could Ace and John avoid having to send Christian to a zoo for the rest of his life? A coincidental meeting with English actors Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers, stars of the hit film Born Free, led to Christian being flown to Kenya and placed under the expert care of "the father of lions" George Adamson. Incredibly, when Ace and John returned to Kenya to see Christian a year later, they received a loving welcome from their lion, who was by then fully integrated into Africa and a life with other lions.

Originally published in 1971, and now fully revised and updated with more than 50 photographs of Christian from cuddly cub in London to magnificent lion in Africa, A Lion Called Christian is a touching and uplifting true story of an indelible human-animal bond. It is destined to become one of the great classics of animal literature.

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## 书评

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养狗养猫很小资，养蜥蜴蝎子很另类，但是要说很拉风、很傲娇的话怕就是养一头狮子了吧！养一头狮子是种什么样的感受呢？我想在安东尼·布尔克和约翰·兰道尔写的《我在伦敦买了一头狮子》这本书里会让你找到你想要的答案。狮子，兽中王...

上小学的时候，《狮子王》是每天按时完成作业之后的奖励。那头名叫辛巴的小狮子和发生在它身上的故事，是我快乐的源泉。我只知道这是一头善良的狮子，要承担成为头领具备的领导力角色，也要为其他小伙伴和自己而战。他会在自己的道路上遇到烦恼和困惑，那时候，他的朋友们就会...

无意间在You

Tube上看到了那段大名鼎鼎的视频，昨天又在书城无意间看到了这本书，这缘分～奋斗整晚，一口气读完了  
虽然两个小伙子有时说话主观性太强，但能了解到这两人一狮之间的故事已经很满足了，毕竟那是我不曾尝试过的全新的世界。顺便贴出视频地址...

在不靠谱的领养了一头大猫做宠物后，才开始思考这头大猫的去留问题。虽然结局是美好的，但是从一开始不负责任的决定到最后成功把这个担子卸下（其实是没有能力抚养后放归自然），并不能说是个好的典范。

温馨的是在养大这个宠物的过程中，他们对其灌输的爱和尊重是真实的，在这...

我总是在热闹之后才发现热闹。2008年的时候，一头名叫克里斯蒂安的狮子成了YouTube网站上的明星，他的一则视频网络点击率在当年就超过了4000万次，成为因特网上的轰动事件。这部约

6分钟的短片展示了两个年轻人与他们的爱狮克里斯蒂安重聚的动人场面。片中展示的人狮之间的真情...

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一头狮子和两个男孩的真实故事，写成一本书，对于见惯了大风大浪的我们，也许是缺点冲击性的。尽管这个狮子的故事很酷也很感人，但或多或少，挠心挠肺的故事听了太多也看了太多，要如何出彩？看似是一个难题，其实也简单，最深切的感动，往往来自最朴实的讲述。平实、诚恳、剔...

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《我在伦敦买了一头狮子》，是一本回忆录性质的真实故事，算不上小说，并没有华丽优美的辞藻，是简单质朴的，是作者们和狮子之间的故事的记录，平铺直述下看得出他们对克里斯蒂安浓烈的感情。人与动物之间的深厚友情总是能感染着我们，相互依赖，彼此陪伴。固然物种不同，言语...

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