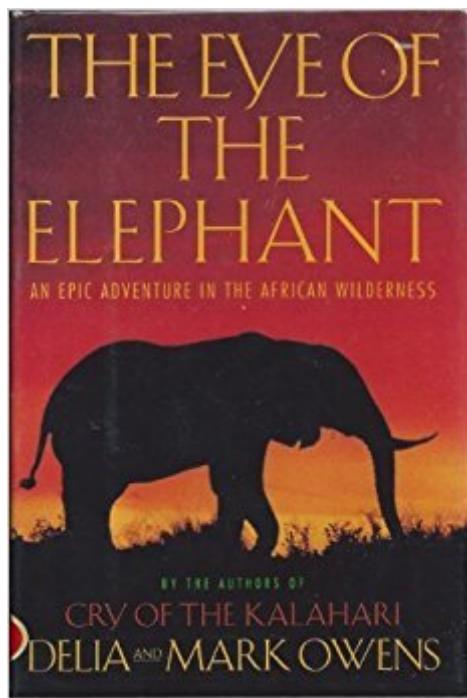


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# The Eye Of The Elephant: An Epic Adventure In The African Wilderness



## **Synopsis**

Two naturalists describe how a battle to save the elephants of Africa turned into a fight for their lives when commercial poachers heard of their work. By the authors of Cry of the Kalahari. 60,000 first printing. National ad/promo. Tour.

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Each year from 1973 to 1985, an estimated 1000 elephants were slaughtered in Zambia's Luangwa Valley for their ivory tusks, skin, tails and feet; in 1991, only 12 were killed in this fashion. No little credit for saving the elephants is due to the Owenses (Cry of the Kalahari), biologists who set out to research animal behavior but stayed to persuade villagers that rather than shooting elephants, they could gain more in food, jobs and money by letting the animals live and attracting tourists to see them. The Owenses not only taught the natives crafts and trades, but also organized international support to secure a temporary ban on the sale of elephant body parts. Conscious of the dangers of substituting one evil for another, the Owenses lobby for walking safaris rather than the intrusive, destructive motorized tours popular elsewhere in Africa. Their personal story is an adventure filled with the color and scent of wild Africa, with recreations of their arduous treks through wilderness, with escapes from attempts on their lives by disgruntled Africans, and with engrossing descriptions of the lives and habits of animals. Photos. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

MARK and DELIA OWENS are the authors of Cry of the Kalahari, an international bestseller and winner of the Burroughs Medal, and The Eye of the Elephant.

Very emotional journey of two people observing & trying to save the animals in Africa. They fight against people who are benefiting by slaughtering the animals & their habitats & their ability to migrate. Beautiful writing, heartfelt motivation, hopeful outcome. The stories in this book show some ways in which we humans take our power too lightly and inadvertently destroy our environment & our future. This book is best enjoyed after reading the prequel book, "Cry of the Kalahari".

Amazing sequel to Cries of the Kalahari. Lessons in perseverance and endurance. Recommend to anyone concerned about preserving our endangered species and opposing the poaching cartels. Had me near tears on several occasions, but an uplifting message of hope in the end.

The Owens' time and work in Africa make Beryl Markham's story dull in comparison. Their adventures and experiences had me on the edge of my seat. What dedicated people for the cause of African wildlife, a battle that rages on today.

Excellent read

A wonderfully written book by Mark and Delia Owens which describes the horrible nature of poaching in Zambia. It discloses the difficulties encountered with the people and the politics which support the poachers. A must read following their first book "Cry of the Kalahari"....

This book was a gift to a friend who had spent some time in Africa. She absolutely raved about it so I take that as a glowing review. I got it for her after loaning her my copy of Cry of the Kalahari by Mark and Delia Owens, a book that I have only ever loaned twice for fear of not getting it back. Now have two copies so I can share. I am looking forward to borrowing Eye of the Elephant as it promises to equal Owens other book.

The authors' experiences of the reserve in Zambia where they work are written in a dynamic but heart -felt manner, and well describe the difficult circumstances that they work in as well as the desperate plight of the elephants and other wildlife facing potential extinction from poaching. A worthy successor to their earlier book "Cry of the Kalahari".

I bought this to read on a trip to South Luangwa National Park in Zambia for safari. The elephants

and other animals were wonderful, and I am so thankful the government is protecting them. But it was not always so, and this story about the struggle in North Luangwa is amazing.

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