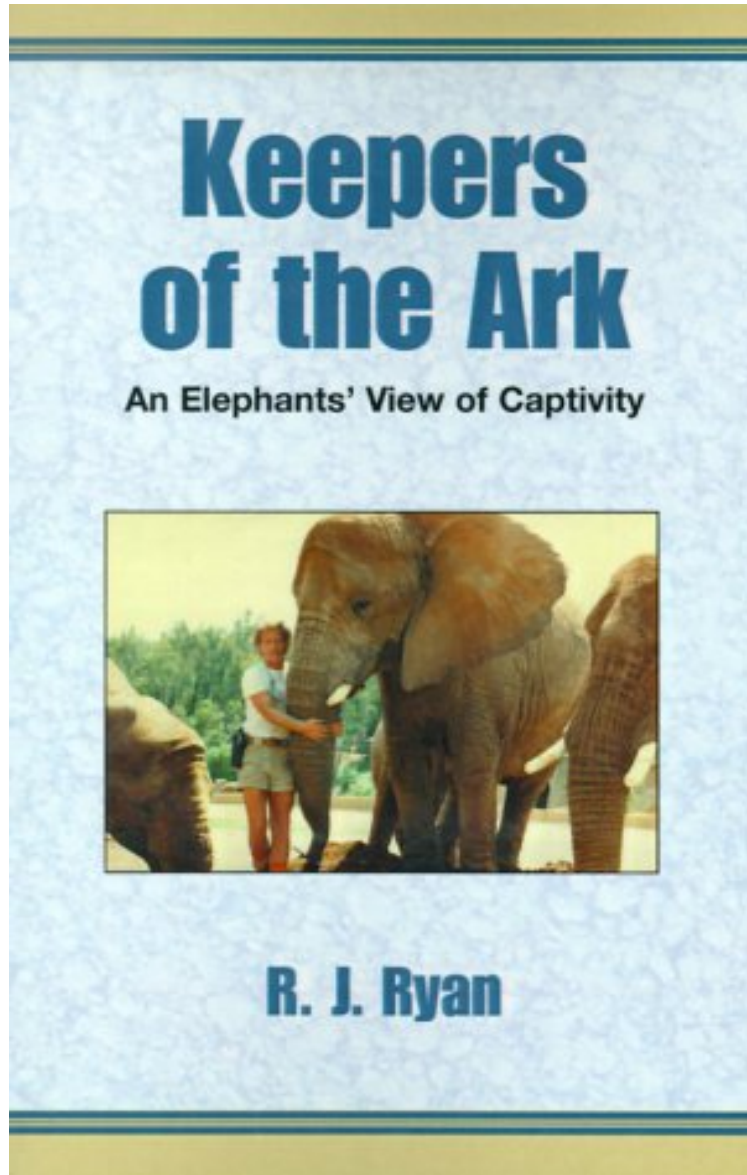


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I loved this book!By BrittaI am so happy that someone who has worked for the Zoological Society of San Diego had the courage to stand up to this organization and expose the truth. As a former employee of 12 years, I know first hand of the abuse, neglect and mismanagement of animals that goes on

on a regular basis. I worked in one of the shows and have seen animals hit, worked to exhaustion and withheld food in order to get them to perform. People need to realize that zoos are nothing more than a money making business under the guise of conservation, education and research. Thank you Mr. Ryan for speaking the truth and standing up to the "Evil Empire." 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Congratulations to author for speaking out
By Daniel Ferguson
I found this book to be nothing short of a gripping and devastating account of the dilemma facing captive elephants and their keepers. Ryan writes out of highly personal conviction and candor. The result is an intimate and revealing memoir I found difficult to put down. This is not a comprehensive guide to elephant captivity or training methods and should not be purchased as such. Instead, it should be read as one man's experience and eventual confrontation with a sad and pervasive mentality surrounding treatment of captive animals. Ryan succeeds in making us (those of us with compassion for our fellow animals) frustrated, horrified and desperate to believe in an alternative to violent methods of keeping elephants.
My hearty congratulations to the author for his courage. Essential reading for policy makers, animal keepers and those frequenting zoos. There must be a better way!
Daniel Ferguson
Montreal, Canada
4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A behind the scenes look at elephant training and captivity
By P. MacKenzie
This book reveals what most people -- who have ever cared to ask -- know what is involved in keeping and maintaining elephants in captivity. This author's behind the scenes look at the inherent cruelty involved in most elephant related training practices is especially applicable when elephants are trained for rides and circus type acts (even if it is not called a circus). I believe that anyone who frequents zoos or circuses needs to read this book to make a more informed decision on the PR campaigns and practices they are supporting by buying tickets for admission. We are told about the education and conservation that they purport to support, but is this true for the mass majority of them? Read it and really find out "When Elephants Weep"

For many years, elephants have been exhibited in zoos and parks all over the world. This is the true story of how they were cared for, handled, and trained during the time the author worked as an elephant keeper at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. For the first time, the public can get a behind the scenes look at the daily life of captive elephants.

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