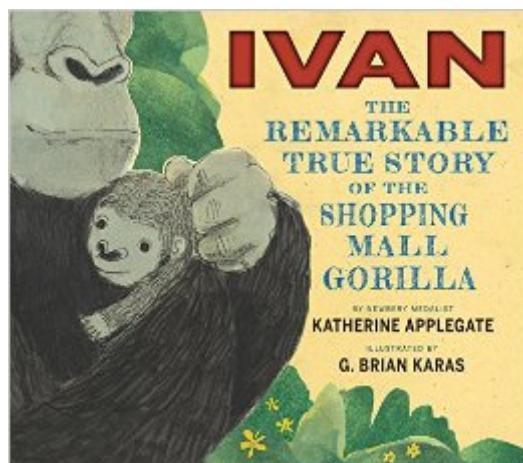


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Ivan: The Remarkable True Story Of The Shopping Mall Gorilla



Synopsis

In a spare, powerful text and evocative illustrations, the Newbery medalist Katherine Applegate and the artist G. Brian Karas present the extraordinary real story of a special gorilla.Â Â Â Â Captured as a baby, Ivan was brought to a Tacoma, Washington, mall to attract shoppers. Gradually, public pressure built until a better way of life for Ivan was found at Zoo Atlanta. From the Congo to America, and from a local business attraction to a national symbol of animal welfare, Ivan the Shopping Mall Gorilla traveled an astonishing distance in miles and in impact.Â Â Â Â This is his true story and includes photographs of Ivan in the back matter.

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Customer Reviews

In this age of enlightenment, it seems unconscionable that a wild animal could be taken from its mother and shipped across the world to live alone for decades in a concrete cell. Can you imagine bringing your child to the shopping mall to gawk at the (not really so much anymore) wild animal from Africa? Look at the ferocious beast, Jimmy! Now let's swing by the food court before we get your new sneakers at Footlocker. That was our country, not very long ago. Author Applegate previously won the Newbery Medal for her novel about the very same gorilla. Illustrator Karas has won plenty of awards, and is probably best known for *Atlantic*. His artwork here is reminiscent of the dusky earth palette Matthew Forsythe employed in *Warning: Do Not Open This Book*. Together,

Applegate and Karas have created a picture book which exudes the same enchanting educative qualities as many Melissa Sweet titles and which belongs on every bookshelf. This is Curious George for a new generation. Ivan is a heartbreakin story told with brutal honesty: Poachers with loud guns and cruel hands stole the little gorilla and another baby.

I realize this is a children's book and I bought it for 2 reasons 1 my grandson who is 3 and to own a bit of history see I remeber Ivan as a small child in 1971. We would go to B&I every Saturday, this is when they first brought him there and he was up high n a cage we climbed stairs to get to him back then it was just glass between us he was sometimes scary very angry(of course don't blame him) there were years later protests and picketers. Guess I just expected more history maybe Katherine should look up some of us old Tacoma ppl and ask us what we remeber so as more facts could be put in those books think I'll skip the others. On another note the "shopping mall" she spoke of is wrong back when Ivan was put In B&I it was a small store that consisted of discount clothes and a pet store (that was also picketed because of the bad care of the animals there) now it is no more than a small arcade and a carousel the reason we went there often as kids and a few shops. As far as "food court" some Hispanic food is served there but that didn't come in til the 90's. when Ivan was there on display there were other animals also, more oddities like 2 headed snakes. In late 70's and until finally Ivan received his freedom, it was because of hard work of animal lovers picketing and fighting for all the animals at B&I. When Michael Jackson was going to buy Ivan for his personal zoo it was those same people that stopped that sale and made sure he was put in a proper safe place to be shared by all people until he passed away when I believe he was finally somewhat free and happy with other apes. I wish hard work of a community was told in her book and that it was NEVER accepted by the Puget Sound community but because of a different time there were not many laws to protect exotic animals nor domestic for that matter.

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