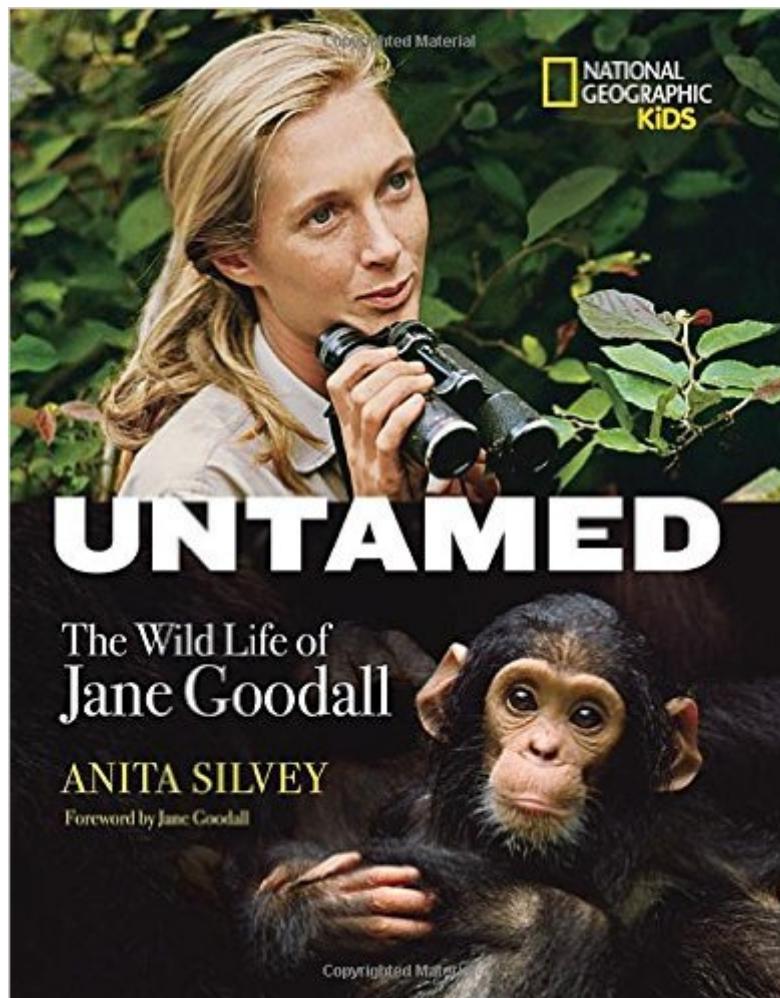


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# Untamed: The Wild Life Of Jane Goodall



## **Synopsis**

Jane Goodall, one of the most recognized scientists in the Western world, became internationally famous because of her ability to observe and connect with another species. A girl of humble beginnings and training, she made scientific breakthroughs thought impossible by more experienced field observers when she was only in her twenties. Then these animals shaped Jane's life. She began tirelessly fighting to protect the environment so that chimpanzees and other animals will continue have a place and a future on our planet. Jane Goodall continues to leave the modern world with an extraordinary legacy and has changed the scientific community forever. From the Hardcover Library Binding edition.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Anita Silvey's biography of Jane Goodall is brilliant. Anita manages to produce a solid, sensible study of a life without digging so far into the nitty-gritty details that it's overwhelming. To give you an example, one thing that comes off brilliantly is the continuity of Goodall's love of animals. The photos and the stories from her childhood make her later research seem an unavoidable track. We see a huge photo of little Jane with her little sister and their stuffed animals. Jane's beloved is a large chimp named Jubilee. From there her early curiosity about chickens and worms makes her later curiosity about chimps seamlessly reasonable. The other kid friendly stories that Silvey gathers

provide fun and clear 'connections'. One example would be how even at age 5 Jane was focused enough that she made a long study of a chicken and its egg laying process. And in another situation kids (and adults) will share how a very sick Jane, immobilized for a while, was able to coax a Robin to visit her in her room and even build a nest in her bookcase. **SUMMARY** I think **UNTAMED** would be an excellent book to share with younger readers. In fact, read it yourself. It's wonderful. There aren't currently any Lexile or Accelerated Learning numbers for this book, but I can tell you that I think it would be an excellent addition to school shelves, classroom or library, or the home shelves of Goodall fans. The message is upbeat but informative. Goodall herself encourages readers to get involved. That even though they are far away from Africa that there are things they can do to make their concerns heard. And, of course, her example of being a self-taught scientist is an important one. Especially for girls.

Fascinated by wild animals and their habitats from an early age, Jane Goodall longed for the day that she could travel to Africa to meet and communicate with them. It was not until her early 20s that Jane's dream is fulfilled --- she is invited to stay in Kenya for six months. Determined not to leave, Jane finds work as a secretary for famed scientist Louis Leakey until he expresses a need for someone to study the great apes. Jane jumps at this "chance to live with and learn about not just any animal but the one most like us, the chimpanzee." Amid her trials and triumphs, Goodall has no idea that her research will turn into epic historical and groundbreaking work in the study of animals and their similarities to humans. The author of several award-winning narrative nonfiction books for children, Anita Silvey unfolds the unforgettable legacy of how one girl's love for animals changed the world in **UNTAMED: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall**. Silvey's narrative deftly captures the essence of Goodall's journey, which begins as a few-months venture to find and observe the elusive chimpanzees in the Gombe Stream Game Reserve (now known as Gombe National Park in Tanzania) but evolves into a 55-year period of research, "one of the longest continuous field studies of wild animals ever conducted." While retelling Goodall's life story, Silvey incorporates a marvelous combination of stunning photographs and additional text to give young readers a well-rounded look at Goodall's world. Examples include information on Louis Leakey, Goodall's African pets, other animals of Gombe, individual profiles on various chimpanzees that Goodall named and observed, Goodall's field notes and information on those who carried on Goodall's mission when she began speaking around the world.

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