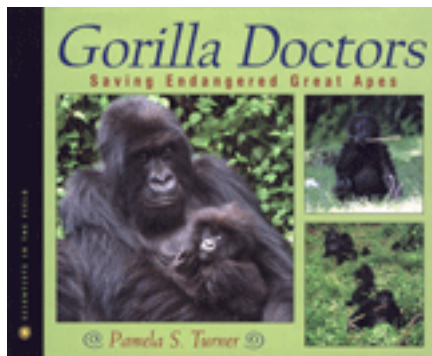


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Gorilla Doctors

by Pamela S. Turner

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"An outstanding science nature title." — *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Turner has a light touch that never undercuts the seriousness of her subject." — *The Bulletin*

About the Book

Enter faraway jungles to explore the lives of mountain gorillas and the veterinarians on a mission to save them.

Mountain gorillas are beautiful, playful, curious, and fiercely protective of their families. They are also one of the most endangered species in the world. For many years these magnificent creatures have faced the threat of violent death at the hands of poachers. In order to protect the gorillas, funds are raised through "gorilla tourism," bringing people into the forest to see these amazing animals in their natural habitat. This tourism is vital, but it has brought a new threat to the mountain gorillas: human disease.

The Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project is a group of courageous and talented veterinarians who are working to save the mountain gorilla population in Rwanda and Uganda. They study the effects of human exposure, document the daily lives of the gorillas, and even act as foster parents to an orphaned gorilla baby named Fearless. Through engaging text and stunning photographs, Pamela Turner takes readers on an exploration like no other in this gripping tale of science, nature, and the conservation of life.

About the Author

Pamela S. Turner has a master's degree in public health from the University of California, Berkeley, and a special interest in microbiology and epidemiology. She first visited mountain gorillas in 1978 while living in East Africa. Now a science and nature writer, she's also the author of the award-winning *Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog*. Her articles for children and adults have appeared in numerous scientific publications. Ms. Turner lives with her family in Oakland, California. This is her second book for Houghton Mifflin.