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As a child growing up in Nigeria, Gareth Patterson could scarcely have believed that he would one day work with the legendary George Adamson. After his brutal murder in 1989, Gareth inherited Adamson's mantle and rescued the three lion cubs left at Kora, his camp in Kenya. Patterson took the cubs to his own lion project – established in the North East Tuli Block, a game reserve in Botswana – thus fulfilling Adamson's wish that the cubs remain free.

This gripping story is one of danger and high adventure; of a unique empathy with and deep love for the fearsome lions in the bush; of friendship and camaraderie; of great joy and appalling carnage; and of heartbreak and triumph. It throws fresh light on Adamson himself and on his extraordinary relationship with his lions.

Patterson works with bravery and dedication to preserve the wildlife of Africa, which he feels so passionately about. His story will stir many hearts.

Praise for Gareth Patterson:

'Patterson soldiers on, triumphing over adversities that would have broken lesser men...like Adamson before him, he cannot bear to think of a lion that is not free.' *The Times*

'Both (Adamson and Patterson) respected the lion's character, and its place in nature's hierarchy. Both wished to share their lives with this great predator. Both have had their wishes fulfilled...their extraordinary rapport with lions established a spiritual bond that continues to this day.' *Virginia McKenna*, award-winning actress and co-founder of the Born Free Foundation.

'Moments later Rafiki appeared, a full-grown lioness in her prime. I could hear the thud of her feet as she ran straight at Gareth, then rose on her hind legs to place her huge paws over his shoulders, while he in turn hugged her...and the big lioness grunted with pleasure at seeing her friend again.

'Twelve years ago I had watched George Adamson being greeted in exactly the same way when he introduced me to his wild pride at Kora (in Kenya). It was a sight I had never expected to see again; yet here I was in Botswana, watching the man who had so modestly assumed the Adamson mantle.' *Brian Jackman*, award-winning author of *The Marsh Lions* and *Roaring at the Dawn*.

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