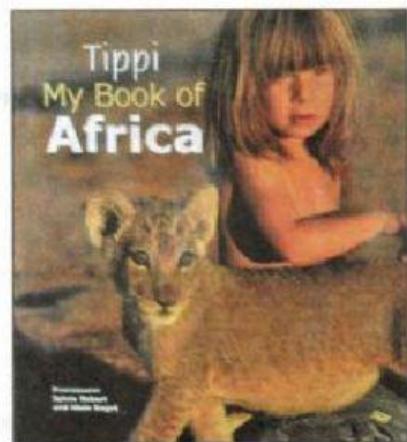


Mowgli and Tippi

Reading

15 Look at the picture on the right. This is a cover of a book. What do you think the book is about?



16 Quickly read the article. Do not look up unknown words. Were you right? Choose the best title for the article.

- A** Life in Africa
- B** Life of wild animals
- C** Living in the wild

Tippi Degré is the girl who grew up in the African wild and had the kind of childhood we only hear about in legends. Her parents were wildlife photographers. They had lived in the Kalahari desert for six years before their daughter was born. Growing up in Africa, Tippi lived for 10 years in Namibia where wild animals are raised as pets in the houses of African farmers. That is how Tippi became close to the animals of the wild.

Tippi had no fear and believed the animals were her friends. For 10 years her 'brother' was an elephant, her friend was a leopard and the African desert was her playground. She could lie peacefully with a young leopard or could sit cross-legged with a young cheetah or on the trunk of Abu, an elephant.

Now Tippi lives in France. She wrote the book 'Tippi — My Book of Africa'. She thinks she has a special gift of talking to animals, 'I speak to them with my mind, or through my eyes, my heart or my soul, and I see that they understand and answer me.'

What a story! Doesn't it remind you of Mowgli and his adventures?