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What makes a camel friends with a Vietnamese pig? Or a wild polar bear pals with a sled dog? In this young preschool book, Catherine Thimmesh makes us wonder at the truth and mystery of unlikely animal friendships. Because the stories behind these friendships are true, not contrived, captured by photographers in many countries ranging from Siberia to Japan, they not only give readers insight into animals but challenge preconceived notions about compatibility. This book also expresses tolerance of differences and makes us look at the kindness of animals—and humans—a little differently.

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Eva Leger says

This is an amazing book - it really is. Animal relationships are fascinating to me and Julia so finding this was perfect. The stories shown here include a baby macaque and pigeon, an orangutan and a cat, a camel and a Vietnamese miniature pig, a giraffe and an ostrich, a lion cub and piglet, a Basset Hound and an owl, a frog and mouse, a baby badger and baby fox, a capybara and squirrel monkey, (this is so fantastic!) a polar bear and a chained Eskimo sled dog, (this is another!) an Asiatic bear and a cat, a yellow Lab and a cheetah, and last but not least, a baby orangutan and Sumatran tiger cub.

There are a lot of different variables here. Some of the relationships had human help, some didn't. Some relationships lasted minutes, if that, while others lasted for days or years. Some relationships had to be stopped because of the danger involved as one or both animals aged, some didn't.

It's really amazing and the book can show children - and adults - much.

Edward Sullivan says

Candid, heartwarming snapshots of a Peacable Kingdom. A book every animal lover will want. Libraries will want to have multiple copies.

Kristina says

my kids and I enjoyed reading this book. I thought that the poem was cute. I would recommend this book to others.

Erin says

Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships was written by Catherine Thimmesh and is an informational book all about the unique relationships of animals that would normally be enemies to one another.

The characters of this story are all from different places. They have different homes, eat different foods, and get around in different ways. But the unique thing about them is that they are all united by strange friendships. Each animal in this story was either lonely, hungry, tired, or curious, and they ultimately found someone to comfort their needs. Some odd examples of true friendships developing happened between a tiger cub and baby monkey, a giraffe and an ostrich, a baby monkey and a pigeon, and a full grown bear and a cat. As strange as they seem as a pair, they became friends until death do they part or until caretakers had to separate them due to size.

The setting of this story changes with each new friendship. Some of the animals are from the zoos around the United States, other are pets that we have in our homes, and still others are rescued from the wild and their pictures were caught in the moment. The animals' stories come from England, Florida, China, Siberia, Africa, India, Canada, Berlin, Ohio, Indonesia, and Japan, and ultimately, it goes to show that there's a true

friend out there for everyone!

I really enjoyed the pictures in this book, and I think the pictures say more than the words do. In fact, I think this book could stand alone as a wordless picture book and it would have just as much effect on its readers. Of course, because the book is informational and all about these animals' friendships, there is no real suspense or sense of adventure within it. The wording that describes what a friend is or what a friend does is a very relaxing text that can be good for deeper thinking or critical thinking. The voice that I imagine reading this part of the book is very deep and calm, expressing what TRUE friendship looks like and how important it is. The paragraphs that explain what the pictures show is also interesting information and is appreciated, but I think it may be a little too informational for really young readers. The voice of this text sounds too robotic for the impact this book is trying to make; therefore, I think that this text could be read or ignored depending on the age of the audience and the purpose behind the reading.

I also really liked the concept of this book and its big idea. I love the idea of using this book for a lesson on finding friendships in the oddest of places or becoming friends with someone you didn't expect to be your friend. There are endless writing opportunities connected to this book and for that reason I appreciate it so much more!

Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships can be purchased on Amazon for \$11.55 and is appropriate for children ages 4-10. It was published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in 2011, and its ISBN is 978-0-547-39010-9. I would recommend this book to all teachers for their library center and to children who love animals and connect with animal stories.

David says

Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships by Catherine Thimmesch is a compendium of unusual animal friendships, with striking photographs of the animals.

The photographs, taken by a number of photographers, will really grab readers, especially animal lovers and kids. My favorite images include cat and orangutan, camel and pig, capybara and squirrel monkey, cat and Asiatic Bear, and baby orangutan and tiger cub.

The poems are nice and the details interesting, in this compendium of unusual animal friendships. The main lesson seems to be one of tolerance. Some of these friendship were of short nature, others lasted for years. The reality of the death, at times, of one or the other of these pairs will sadden readers, but the arresting photographs of these unusual friendships will appeal to many. 3.5 rating.

For friendship, animals, photographs, poems, animal lovers, and fans of Catherine Thimmesch.

BEVERLY HALL says

Extraordinary! An ideal gift.

Just read it...I really didn't need to say more, but this silly app makes you write a minimum number of words....oh, brother...

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

This book is a gem! Each 2-page spread tells about a pair unusual animal friends, all found in zoos, sanctuaries, or other captive places except for the frog and the mouse. The text includes quotes about friendship and the background behind the unusual friendships. The pictures are so cute, the animals so adorable! Pair this with *Own and Mzee*. You won't stop saying, "Awwwww..." until the end of the book. Highly recommended!

Zoey the Squirrel says

The pictures are cute but I like our other animal friends book better

Erin PearoMund says

I love this book

babyhippoface says

Oh my, the photos here are adorable. The baby badger is the cutest thing EVER. Reminds me totally of Frances the Badger from the children's book series.

Each spread features a poem about friendship accompanied by a photo of an unlikely pair of buddies: a kit fox and the baby badger, a cheetah and an Anatolian Shepherd, an orangutan and a tabby cat, and more, including several who would be natural enemies in the wild. Beneath the poetry, in a smaller font, is a brief description of the actual relationship between the two pictured animals.

Use in class for discussions on "What Makes a Friendship?" and mention that, as this book teaches us, we don't have to be the same to be friends. We just have to be kind.

Casandria says

I hate to say this, but I've seen better photos/read better stories on the internet. It's very ok.

Kalley the Chipmunk says

my favorites are the dog and cheetah and the fox and badger

Barbara says

Friendships are often formed by those who have something in common, but sometimes, strange events in life prompt the most unlikely friendships to spring up. This book put me in mind of Owen and Mzee, the baby hippo and tortoise who bonded after the 2004 tsunami. Thimmesh has selected 13 unlikely animal pairings from 14 photographs and proceeds to describe what drew them together. If some of the friendships are fleeting and almost unfathomable, they also serve to remind readers that we all have some boundaries to cross as we make friends. In these pages, readers will see photos of the bonds between a baby macaque and a pigeon, an orangutan and a cat, a lion cub and a piglet, among others. The text is simple with simple rhyming lines in large font above a larger description of the animals below it in smaller font. Undoubtedly, this title will have a kid-appeal.

Amanda Snow says

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One word. ADORABLE. The animal friendships featured in this book are completely unexpected, but so much fun to read about. From the orangutan and the tabby cat to the badger and the fox and my favorite, the dog and the cheetah, you'll be "awwwwing" all the way through the book and the kids won't be able to stop flipping through either.

I loved the inclusion of a short poem on each page about friendship for each animal pair, such a nice touch to the already sweet book. The photographs are gorgeous and the paragraphs on the friendships were the perfect length for younger children.

More of a fun book to look at and talk about than an "educational" book, the overall lesson that comes across is one of tolerance of differences. Don't get me wrong, great things can be learned from this book, however it's more fun than "fact."

Tracy The Great says

I think it was so cool and amazing! it is also so interesting that these animals are just like us and can be friends with one another
