

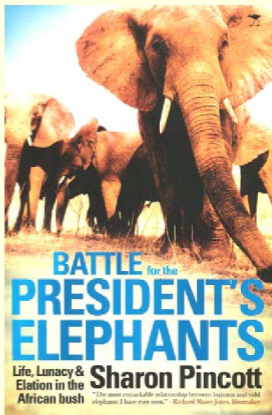
## BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ELEPHANTS

SHARON PINCOTT  
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This book is Sharon Pincott's second (her debut was *The Elephants and I*) and continues the story of her time with the presidential elephants of Zimbabwe. The sub-heading, 'Life, Lunacy & Elation in the African bush', aptly describes what you can expect to find in this account of her battle to protect a special herd.

Sharon walks you through the hardships and rewards of a decade spent in Africa, from false accusations and eviction to beautifully intimate (and sometimes amusing) moments with these gentle giants, which she knows by name.

There are moments which will make you cry, especially



as you read about the cruelty inflicted upon wildlife by people, sometimes intentionally and on other occasions out of sheer ignorance or greed. Then there are moments where you'll laugh out loud at the mischief the animals get up to.

This book is a great read: entertaining, informative and brutally honest.

*Michael Maart*