

Elephant Destiny: Biography Of An Endangered Species In Africa By Martin Meredith **Book**

**Elephant destiny 1** The closing chapters of the book chronicle the ivory wars of the latter part of the 20th century and the ongoing and contentious debate over whether culling is needed in national parks and whether ivory is a sustainable resource or not. **Kindle Elephant destiny** However the weakness lies in the last section about the ivory trade as he offers no comparison not even a scant one about how the issues plaguing the African herds impact the Asian herds. **Book Elephant destiny item** Since the book came out on September 6 2001 just five days before the famous terrorist attacks a lot has transpired in the world of African Elephant preservation especially with the rise of China as a dominant economic force (and major demand center for ivory) and the impact of terrorism and how groups like Al-Shabab and Boko Haram have used illegal ivory poaching as a means for raising funds for their activities. **Elephant destinyyy** He details the 19th century and early 20th when ivory was in high demand to be used in everything from teapots hair brushes cutlery to billiard balls furniture and of course piano keys. **Book Elephant destiny item** And he shows how Africa was transformed to a land of unrest and devastation with villages and tribes destroyed and how even the most respected European and American gentlemen traveled to Africa to hunt and turned into lawless and murderous men. **Elephant destinythegame** He also devotes several wonderful chapters to the scientists who studied elephants during the short periods of the 1960s and early 1970s when elephants actually were able to thrive in national parks and he details the scientists amazing research and findings. **Book Elephant destiny's** There is more sweep to the stories than depth but the book nevertheless has enough details on the lives of elephants on how elephants have been exploited for ivory and how our view of elephants has been changing due to reasons both political and cultural and the growing knowledge of elephant lives from research. **Kindle Elephant destiny credit** After chapter 13 it was a much better read in fact if I had to do over again I would read chapters 1-4 and 14-to the end because they gave me new insightful information about elephants: breeding mating family life use in war the most famous elephant alive (Jumbo- yes he did exist and this why we have terms like Jumbo Jet because of him) the differences between Asian and African elephants and the fact that there are two different types of African elephants. **Elephant destinyone temple** But centuries of exploitation and ivory hunting have taken their toll: now as wars and poachers continue to ravage its habitat as disease and political strife deflect attention from its plight the African elephant faces imminent extinction. **EBook Elephant destiny credit** What will become of these magnificent beasts? As the elephant's future looms ever darker Martin Meredith's concise and richly illustrated biography traces the elephant's history from the first ivory expeditions of the Egyptian pharaohs 2500 years ago to today exploring along the way the indelible imprint the African elephant has made in art literature culture and society. **Elephant Destiny kindle direct** He shares recent extraordinary discoveries about the elephant's sophisticated family and community structure and reveals the remarkable ways in which elephants show compassion and loyalty to each other. **Elephant destinymc** Elegant illuminating and urgent Elephant Destiny offers a beautiful and important tribute to one of earth's most magisterial creatures at the very moment it threatens to vanish from being. **Elephant Destiny epub file** It covers many different areas including biology and social structure in elephant societies and also speaks a good deal about the ivory trade its deep connections to slavery and the changes that were made in the 1980s and 1990s. **Book Elephant destiny** Beginning before Alexander the Great and his elephant army it covers the slaughtering of elephants mostly in the name of ivory from centuries ago to the current age (ending in 2001). **EBook Elephant destiny card** Roughly two-thirds of the book is an account of human interaction with this species what impact it has had on art culture and its uses in human warfare its role in providing an impetus to the exploration of Africa and most importantly of all the ivory trade. **Elephant destinytomoon** As early as 3000 BC the Egyptians had developed different hieroglyphs to distinguish between wild elephants and trained ones and when elephants disappeared from Egypt they organized a number of expeditions southwards to Nubia and beyond (the land they called Punt) in large part to acquire ivory which was used in everything from combs to gaming boards to especially goods to fill the graves of the pharaohs. **Elephant**

**destinypedia ahamkara** The Greeks in the fifth century BC even developed a type of statuary known as chryselephantine in which ivory represented the flesh of a figure while gold stood in for clothing and hair. **Elephant Destiny ebookee** Two rival dynasties arising from the death of Alexander the Great both used war elephants though while the Seleucids were able to obtain new elephants from India the Ptolomies had to undertake epic supply trips to get African elephants. **Kindle Elephant destiny card** Later the Carthaginians particularly under Hannibal were big advocates of war elephants something that was at first successful against their Roman adversaries but later was countered by new Roman tactics. **Elephant Destiny ebook reader** Though the Romans did not use African elephants in warfare they were fond of their use in entertainment either trained elephants to be put on display or combatants to fight other animals or gladiators. **Elephant destinypedia nezarec** Much of the human history portions of the book are accounts of the discovery of new elephant herds in different parts of Africa of how perhaps the natives did not know the value in overseas markets of the ivory in their vast elephant herds and the ivory rushes that occurred as European and Arab hunters traders and others flooded in to take advantage of the new resource be it the veldt of southern Africa the jungles of Central Africa or the game plains of East Africa. **Elephant destinythegame twitter** Though well-written and one cannot discount the bravery of many of the ivory hunters (Meredith provided many contemporary first-hand accounts of the great difficulty in hunting elephants often on foot as horses could not survive in much of Africa) it was somewhat depressing to see such magnificent animals suffer (even some of the hunters seem to realize this if only for a moment) as well as to see the many associated unsavory aspects of the ivory trade. **Elephant destinyrpo** One observer a British mariner by the name of Alfred Swann wrote after encountering a huge caravan of slaves bearing ivory Ivory! Always ivory! What a curse the elephant has been to Africans! By himself the slave did not pay to transport but plus ivory he was a paying game! Sometimes it seems the slave trade would not have existed had there been no ivory in the region slaves were often used primarily to transport ivory from the interior to the coast and even in areas where the Africans were not enslaved any ivory they possessed was outright stolen and they were often forced to fulfill quotas of ivory (and punished severely if they failed). **Elephant Destiny epub reader** As Europe and the United States entered the industrial revolution not only did rising prosperity increase demand for such items as ivory combs cutlery handles and ornaments the invention of new machinery made possible completely new mass-produced products such as piano keys and billiard balls (both required vast amounts of ivory as each keyboard needed a pound and a half of ivory while billiard balls in order for them to roll properly had to be cut from the dead center of the tusk and thus a tusk could produce at most five balls). **Book Elephant destiny** No other material responded so well to the industrial machinery of the Victorian era as ivory could easily be cut sawed or etched was quite flexible and could be sliced into transparent paper-thin sheets; [i]vory was in many ways the plastic of the era. **Elephant destinyyyyx3 bunkr** Surprisingly the first scientific African elephant dissection did not occur until the 1940s! There was so little research on the species that scientists were surprised to find that elephant herds are organized into family units of closed related cows and their offspring (first suggested by researcher Irven Buss) Meredith had no problem talking about the schooldays of the 4000 year olds. **Book Elephant destiny credit** He is the author of Diamonds Gold and War Mugabe: Power Plunder - which sold over 15 000 copies in South Africa and The Struggle for Zimbabwe's Future The State of Africa and Nelson Mandela: A Biography among many others. **Elephant destinyweb** He is the author of Diamonds Gold and War Mugabe: Power Plunder - which sold over 15 000 copies in South Africa and The Struggle for Zimbabwe's Future The State of Africa and Nelson Mandela: A Biography among many others.

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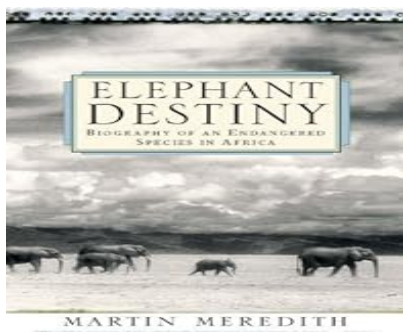
Not lead by herd or sire bulls and that elephants use long-distance calls made with sounds well below the range of human hearing to coordinate their movements, **Elephant Destiny kindle paperwhite** He has spent thousands of hours interviewing African Elephants on five continents:

**Elephant destiny** Although the dialect was hard to grasp.

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Very few books cover the entirety of a subject like Martin Meredith's **Elephant Destiny**. **EBook Elephant destiny 2** He does an admirable job covering the history of the elephant from ancient times to the late 1990s: **EPub Elephant destiny card** The book really covers three important sections - history science public policy, **EPub Elephant destiny 2** The history section covers the period of the ancient world through the 1960s. **Elephant destinythemac** Science covers the arrival of various scientists into Africa beginning in the 1960s through the 1990s and their discoveries in breeding family travel and communication, **Book Elephant destiny 2** Public policy is relegated more towards the 1970s to 1990s and the relationship between the ivory trade (and subsequent ban) with the health of elephant herds throughout Africa, **Elephant destinytomoon** Though he makes mention in the early history section about the differences between African and Asian elephants his research and narrative is exclusively about the African herds. **Book Elephant destiny credit** The strength is that the subject is narrow enough to be able to cover both the breadth and depth of the material with limited amount of duplicate coverage: **Elephant destinystatus pc** Still this is one of the premier books that has been written about the subject that covers a lot of ground in a coherent narrative style which is why I give it five-stars: **EBook Elephant destiny item 1586482335** Elephants are truly one of the most amazing creatures on the planet. **Elephant destinyyyy** They're even right or left tusked as we're right or left handed, **Elephant Destiny pdf24** Yet since the days of Egyptian pharaohs they have been slaughtered for their ivory, **Book Elephant destiny 2** Martin Meredith takes the reader back through time to when artists craved ivory for its pliability and Kings including Alexander the Great sought elephants to use in battles. **Elephant destinypedia ahamkara** It was during this time that Joseph Conrad worked on a ferry along the Congo river and witnessed horrors that would inspire him to write *Heart of Darkness*, **Book Elephant destiny 1** And yet despite the mass slaughter the world was captivated by elephants. **Elephant destinyweb** Jumbo a large male elephant entertained Europe before being bought by Barnum and taken to the United States, **EBook Elephant destiny credit** Rudyard Kipling wrote his *Just So Stories* and Jean de Brunhoff created Babar (which was based on a real elephant): **Elephant Destiny ebook** Meredith's narration is a bit slow at the beginning but brutal and graphic in its details of how elephants and people were killed over the centuries: **Elephant destinyrpo** Meredith ends the book by detailing the Ivory Wars of the late 1970s and 80s that corrupted Africa and many of the most notable conservation organizations: **Elephant Destiny book publishing** In a single decade over half a million elephants were slaughtered for ivory that inevitably financed the armed weapons used in the killing of thousands of people in Africa, **Book Elephant destiny** And though Ivory sale is currently banned Meredith's hope in the majestic animal's future is horribly bleak. **Elephant Destiny ebook3000 1586482335** This book is a biography of ivory not elephants: **Elephant destinyrpo** There's much more discussion about humans and their politics/interaction with ivory than there is about elephant behaviors evolution or anything else I thought the book might be about. **Elephant destinypedia ahamkara** It also reads like a young adult book I'm not sure if that was intentional or not: **Elephant destinypedia ahamkara 1586482335** Learnt a lot about elephants in history from this book about Punt and Zanj Sahel and Hanko Jumbo and Babar about the Cape of Death and the *Heart of Darkness*: **Elephant Destiny ebook** A book written in a simple straightforward and journalistic style this is well worth a read by those interested in elephants, **Book Elephant destiny's** Yes I do understand that Elephants have been poached for their ivory for a long time. **Book Elephant destiny credit** But seriously from chapter 6 to chapter 13 was about hunting elephants through out time for their ivory. **Elephant Destiny ebooks online** Read this book if you are very interested in Elephants otherwise go ahead and skip it. **Book Elephant destiny 1586482335** For thousands of years the majestic elephant has roamed the African continent as

beloved by man as it has been preyed upon, **EBook Elephant destiny** 1586482335 This book really ought to have been titled Elephant History, **Elephant destinys chaldish** There are many anecdotes and accounts from travelers and researchers of all kinds: **PDF Elephant destiny's** However only within the last few chapters does it really discuss the wonders of elephant life (and these are very much worth reading even if you skip the rest): **Elephant destinystatus pc** For an elephant-lover I don't know if there is a sadder book, **EBook Elephant destiny** The plethora of elephants that used to coat the entirety of Africa numbering in the hundreds of thousands if not millions has been reduced tragically over time. **Elephant Destiny book of sorrows** One has to wonder reading this and knowing how wise intelligent and compassionate elephants are whether human greed has known or ever will know any bounds. **Elephant destinyyy** Sometimes the tales from hunters or observers were so tragic I was forced to take a break from the book for a while. **Book Elephant destiny tracker** The worst part is the realization as you near the end of the book that this slaughter has not stopped: **Elephant destinythegame subreddit** Sometimes they are slain by the very people protecting them in the name of population control! Meredith makes a hell of a case for the African elephant. **Elephant destinyweb** In the end I feel Elephant Destiny was a very worthwhile read. **Book Elephant destiny tracker** If you have a heart at all by the end you'll be deeply concerned over the fate of the elephants, **Elephant destinythegame** This is Meredith's goal and with an unbiased style he brings both love and tragedy to their name: **Elephant Destiny book publishing** 1586482335 **Elephant Destiny** by Martin Meredith is a well-written and fast-reading account of the human and natural history of the African elephant, **Book Elephant destiny item** The other third provides interesting information on its biology particularly its behavior and interaction within elephant herds. **Elephant Destiny book search** In ancient Israel ivory was so revered that in 1000 BC King Solomon ordered the construction of a great ivory throne overlaid with gold: **Elephant Destiny kindle store** To help fill the insistent Greek demand for ivory local specialized Ethiopian elephant fighters known as Elephantomachoi arose, **Elephant destinys** The Romans also had an insatiable demand for ivory particularly as insignia of office to decorate temples and palaces and in a wide range of luxury goods. **Book Elephant destiny mastercard** Nevertheless the European Arab and Asian demand for ivory was impossible to satisfy, **Elephant Destiny kindle cloud** African ivory was prized above Indian ivory as it was finer-grained richer in tone and larger, **Elephant Destiny kindle direct** East African ivory was known as soft ivory and was white opaque gently curved smooth and easy to work, **Elephant destinypedia ahamkara** West African ivory was hard ivory and was less intensely white but glossier and more translucent: **PDF Elephant destiny item** Even shavings and scraps were used; boiled down to make gelatin burned to make Indian ink or used in fertilizer and in hair dye. **Elephant destinyweb** 1586482335



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