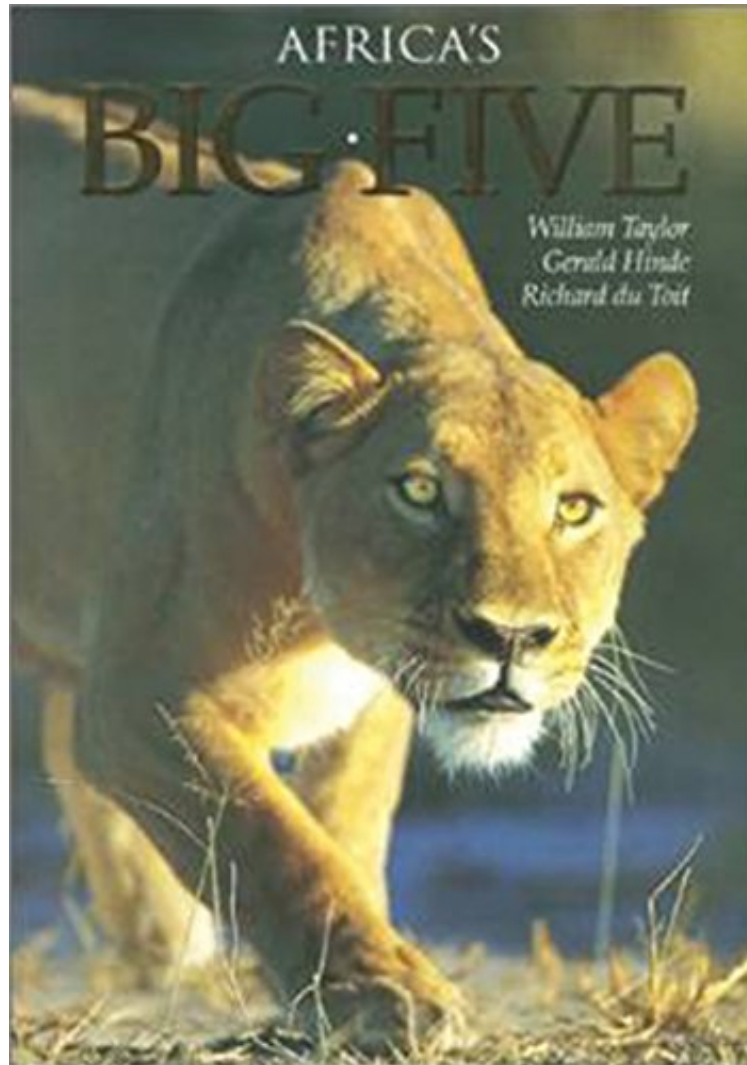


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Excellent book with a clear full text and excellent photosBy DrThis is an excellent book.ever since I bought my first book by Richard du Toit, I have been interested in his books.He often works with Gerald Hinde.This book deals with the big five. Lions, Elephants, Leopard, Rhino, Buffalo.You may know a little or a lot about each of these magnificent animals.I mainly know about Luons and Elephants.There is an introduction.Format. Using the Lion section as an example.TextSize and description.Distribution and StatusHabitBreeding Biology.Diet.Vocalisation.The Life of Lions. This is a major

sectionHunting and Feeding. This is a major section.Communication.Courtship and Mating.Growing UpLiving and Dying. A further major sectionLions and ManPhotos. This is an approximate count.Double page spread 4Single page 2Half page 8. May have other small pictures on the page.Several per page 13.All the photos are very good and many are excellent.If you take double page, full page and half page photos then there are some 14 photosSeveral per page 13 pagesThis gives a wide array of photos to illustrate and complement the text.The photos are briefly and clearly captionedThe text covers the usual details.The fuller sections cover the usual details but usually with some interesting details that the author | photographers have noted over many years involved in Sorthern African Wildlife Photograhysome interesting photos. This is a small selectionThe Title pageA small waterhole with some six grown elephants on the far side.On the near side some 7 lionessesWoodland and grass in the background, the sky takes up some half the photo.One photo you see infrequently is 3 lionesses seen clearly at duklying on a termite mound waiting for some prey to go by..you see the golden coat of the two nearest lionesses.2 sad pictures is that of a older knowledgeable lioness who got herself hung in a tree while trying to steal a leopard's catch.The other is a starving lioness-if a lioness gets injuries, she is unable to hunt, and she soon dies of starvation.ElephantsThere is a excellent picture of an elephant group drinking in a river. He has managed to get all of them with there trucks putting the water in there mouths. A hard photo to getLeopardLeopards are more easily seen in Southern Africa than in East AfricaLeopards stalk there prey, and are not so easy to capture on film.There is a fine array of photos that cover the various stages and features of a leopard's life. I certainly enjoyed this section. The text was very good.I also enjoyed the Rhino sectionBuffalo.Another good section.I have seen a few documentaries on Buffalo and this section added to my insight along with the excellent photos.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy DilipExcellent2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Africa's big five - wonderful picturesBy Barbara Hensonbook came promptly and in excellent condition. I can see why he photographer of the year in 2000 the photos are vivid and jump out at you feel like your there only safe. animals live hard life to eat and live that a little hard to see.Africa also displayed in its glory and expanse. The book is large enough that full size photo and the lion is in my living room. wonderful images to sketch from. I am very pleased.

Of all Africa's wildlife, none has captured the imagination more than those species that have come over the years to be known as the big five. Whether the biggest, the most beautiful, the fiercest or most formidable, these animals are the ones that have the power to remind us of our insignificance in the face of the true kings of the savannas. This is a truly magnificent record of Africa's Big Five.

About the AuthorGERALD HINDE spent 30 years as the director of a large family business before leaving his business cares behind in 1989 and taking up a new career in the African bush. He has won a string of photographic awards in competitions, including the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition, Afa Wildlife Awards (overall winner, 2000), UN Environment Program International Wildlife Photographic Competition and the Fuji Profoto Awards. His photographs appear in Gamedrive, Leopard, An African Experience and Africa's Big Five, Images from a Timeless Wilderness, Catching the Moment and Cats of Africa. His work has been published widely in national and international magazines, and on calendars and postcards.William Taylor, a resident of the Waterberg region, is part of a consortium of conservationists set on preserving the natural splendor of the Waterberg.