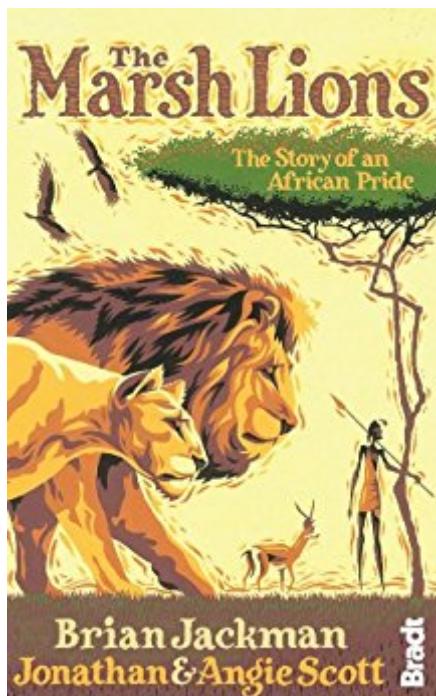


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This book was not only well written, it also took me back to the most fabulous place on earth... the Maasai Mara. Anyone who has been there should read this captivating life of the Marsh Lions. I found it to be educational, enjoyable and a perfect escape from the reality of today in our "civilized and crazy" world.

THE most insightful animal book EVER. Thought I knew much through my art and support activities. This remarkable book provides an entire new level. A beautiful, sometimes heart wrenching story. Many books 'pass through' my library; Marsh Lions will remain forever.

I loved Jonathan Scott's "Big Cat Diary" so this book was especially wonderful as it seems to set up some of the history of the animals who star in that series. It is written in a style that is reminiscent of old "adventure" books about safaris and the wilderness. The writing is so evocative at times that it actually made me cry -- especially at some of the sad details about the very hard lives animals lead in the wilderness. A beautiful literary trip to a beautiful place on earth. I will treasure this book.

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