



To my wife, Gabriele, who encouraged my big-as-an-elephant dreams of becoming a writer, and to my daughters Christine and Celine, that you may have a future with wild elephants in it.

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# Mother To Elephants

The Story of Daphne Sheldrick



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Daphne doubted there was anything more beautiful than her home in Africa's Great Rift Valley.

She loved its openness, its sky of radiant blue, and most of all...  
its animals.



Great herds dotted the landscape like spots on a leopard.  
And she imagined herself among them.

Wild and free!

