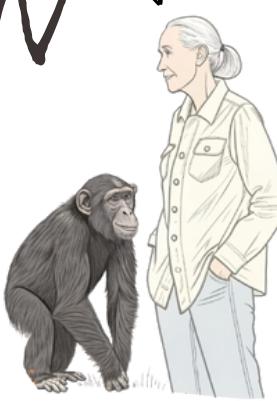


DEAR CHILDREN

I want to share something with you – and that is how much I loved books when I was your age. Of course, back then there was no Internet, no television – we learned everything from printed books. We didn't have much money when I was a child and I couldn't afford new books, so most of what



I read came from our library. But I also used to spend hours in a very small second hand book shop. The owner was an old man who never had time to arrange his books properly. They were piled everywhere and I would sit there, surrounded by all that information about everything imaginable. I would save up any money I got for my birthday or doing odd jobs so that I could buy one of those books. Of course, you can look up everything on the Internet now. But there is something very special about a book – the feel of it in your hands and the way it looks on the table by your bed, or nestled in with others in the bookcase.

I loved to read in bed, and after I had to put the lights out I would read under the bedclothes with a torch, always hoping my mother would not come in and find out! I used to read curled up in front of the fire on a cold winter evening. And in the summer I would take my special books up my favorite tree in the garden. My Beech Tree. Up there I read stories of faraway places and I imagined I was there. I especially loved reading about Doctor Doolittle and how he learned to talk to animals. And I read about TARZAN of the Apes. And the more I read, the more I wanted to read.

I was ten years old when I decided I would go to Africa when I grew up to live with animals and write books about them. And that is what I did, eventually. I lived with chimpanzees in Africa and I am still writing books about them and other animals. In fact, I love writing books as much as reading them – I hope you will enjoy reading some of the ones that I have written for you.

Jane Goodall

Name:

Date:

THE STORY OF



The Life Of Jane Goodall

In the boxes below, share the story of Jane Goodall. What important events happened in her life. Research and find out the information. Then share.

