



This is a wonderful book. With alternating voices, Gus and Margie Mills provide extraordinary insight into the lives of Kalahari cheetahs. Gus's fascinating, scientific observations contrast with Margie's passionate, often very emotional experiences, opening a unique window on the life of field researchers- the Herculean effort it takes to accumulate a comprehensive understanding of a big cat living in a tough environment; and, what it *feels* like to see a favourite cheetah make a messy kill of a baby antelope, to watch her lose her cubs or die a protracted death. Almost every aspect of cheetah ecology and much of the fieldwork itself is illustrated by remarkable, beautiful photography. It is a captivating testament to the thousands of hours spent by the Mills in the presence of these lovely cats. And, with fewer than 7000 cheetahs remaining on earth, it is a timely and moving plea for the magnificent, wild places they require to survive.

**Luke Hunter Ph.D., Executive Director,**  
*Big Cats Program, Wildlife Conservation Society.*



'Fast Cats' is one of the most moving, honest, funny, authentic, informative, engrossing accounts I have ever read. Every chapter is stimulating, interesting, haunting and memorable. I loved it.

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