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Editorial Review

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Starred Review. Grade 5-8 -Turner introduces the work of the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project (MGVP) as a group of scientists attempts to save endangered animals in Rwanda and Uganda. The readable text records their efforts to treat the great apes in the field as they encounter poachers, meet with loss of habitat, and face their newest threat: human diseases that can cross species lines. The author follows the team as its members go about their demanding work, foster an orphaned baby gorilla, and visit local schools and villages to explain the creatures' endangered status, and to promote positive reactions to their needs. The whole is accompanied by striking, full-color photographs and includes a list of other resources, a postscript, and an index.-*Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY*
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Gr. 3-5. Veterinarians in east central Africa who "make house calls--or rather, forest calls" to mountain gorillas are the focus of this entry in the excellent Scientists in the Field series. In each chapter a dramatic, present-tense recounting of a real incident, such as an expedition to disentangle a gorilla from an antelope snare, leads into a discussion of some aspect of *Homo sapiens'* relationship with *Gorilla beringei beringei*, emphasizing that threats to the endangered primates come "not just from bullets, spears, or snares, but also from diseases that might have come from humans." Although the photos are of inconsistent quality, the best capture the rugged, unconventional aspects of the work (such as collecting fecal samples) alongside appealing glimpses of vets cuddling an orphaned baby ape. The featured scientists are an unusually diverse group, including black Africans and white Americans, women and men. Turner, the author of *Hachiko* (2004), is donating half the book's royalties to the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project. *Jennifer Mattson*
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