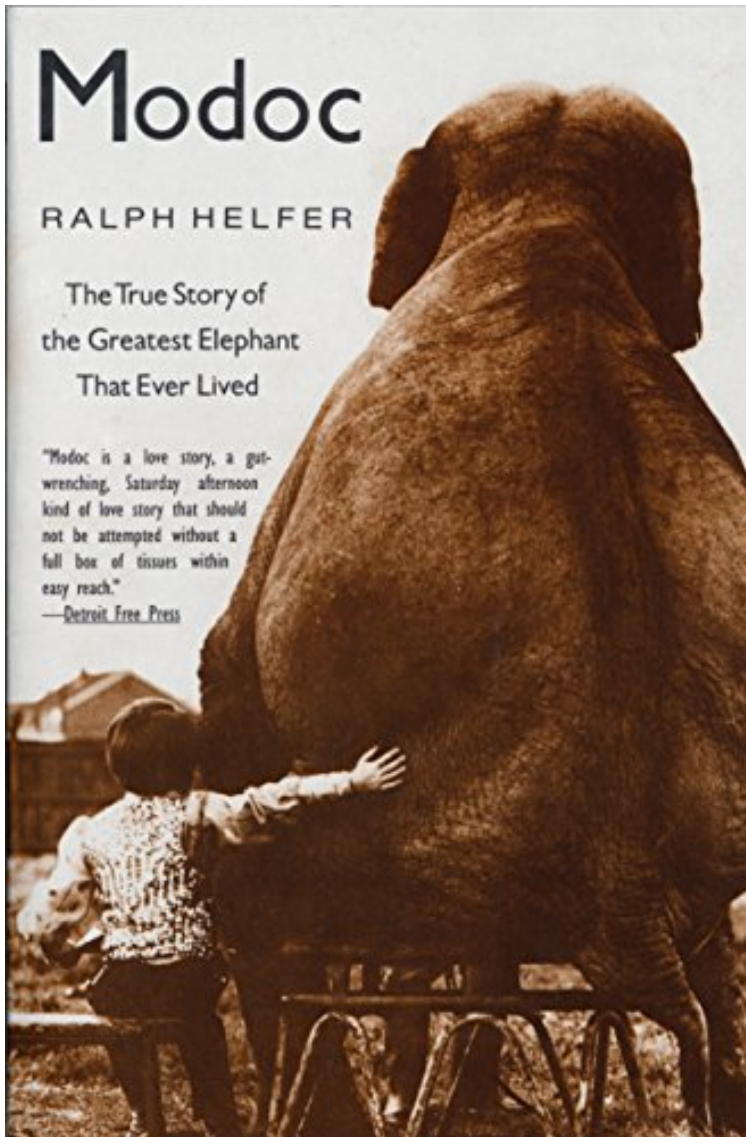


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# Modoc: True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived



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**Description :** Description du produitIts unbelievable but true! Born on the same day in the same small, German circus town, young Bram and his elephant, Modoc, had a lifelong friendship that spanned over eight decades. But it was never easy. From the breakup of the circus to the shipwreck in the Indian Ocean that nearly cost them their lives, the bond between the boy and the elephant survived the most unimaginable trials. This true story of their adventures together, and eventual rise to circus stardom in the Ringling Brothers Circus, will be a treasure for animal lovers everywhere. The beautiful, life-like illustrations by Ted Lewin make the perfect backdrop to this amazing chronicle by Ralph Helfer.

Prsentation de l'diteurSpanning several decades and three continents, Modoc is one of the most amazing true animal stories ever told. Raised together in a small German circus town, a boy and an elephant formed a bond that would last their entire lives, and would be tested time and again; through a near-fatal shipwreck in the Indian Ocean, an apprenticeship with the legendary Mahout elephant trainers in the Indian teak forests, and their eventual rise to circus stardom in 1940s New York City. Modoc is a captivating true story of loyalty, friendship, and high adventure, to be treasured by animal lovers everywhere.

From School Library JournalGrade 3-5From her early days in Germany to a starring role in Americas Ringling Brothers Circus by way of shipwreck and months of teak hauling in India, Modocs story matches her larger-than-life size. The elephants life is intertwined with that of a boy with whom she was raised from infancy and who became her longtime circus partner. According to the book jacket, the author owned Modoc for the last 20 years of her life. The story is adapted from his adult book, Modoc. The large picture-book format is the typical choice for Lewins fine watercolors, boldly portraying the dramatic episodes of the elephants life and the story of friendship, separation, and reunion. This bold and heartwarming adventure tale should have wide appeal.

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Booklist\*Starred \* Gr. 1-3. Helfer's astonishing account of an abused orphan who bonds with an elephant may seem like a myth, but it's true. The boy, Bram, and the elephant, Modoc, are born at the same time in a circus in Germany. They grow up together, performing their thrilling act, until Modoc is sold to a cruel owner. But the friends refuse to be parted. They come up with a daring plan, and, after surviving a series of disasters, including nearly drowning in the ocean, make their way to America, where they become stars in the Ringling Brothers Circus. When Modoc is burned while rescuing children from a circus fire, the brokenhearted friends are forcibly separated. Lewin, who also illustrated Yukio Tsuchiya's Faithful Elephants (1988) and the 1994 Caldecott Honor Book Peppe the Lamplighter (1993), by Elisa Bartone, is at his very best here. His gorgeous, watercolor double-page spreads show the huge elephant and the rescue drama, but even more stunning are the depictions of the bond between the lifelong friends, the exhilarating public performances, the wrenching partings, and the loving reunion years later, which Helfer, who owned Modoc for the last two decades of her life, was able to witness.

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