

Photos and story of a large, flightless bird living in a suburban home

# Amica's World

## How a Giant Bird Came into Our Heart and Home

by Washo & Meadow Shadowhawk; foreword by Dr. Jane Goodall

"As you read this book and study the photographs you will gradually fall in love. For Amica is truly loveable. More than that, she is extremely intelligent and a great source of entertainment. You are in for a treat!" —Dr. Jane Goodall, from the foreword

"This is a story of true love! It reminds us all how very lucky we are to share the world with creatures as beautiful as Amica—and with people as wise, observant, and loving as Washo and Meadow Shadowhawk." —T. A. Barron, author of the *Merlin Saga*

"Amica will warm your heart and soul and show you just how much we can learn from other animals." —Marc Bekoff, author of *Rewilding our Hearts* and *The Emotional Lives of Animals*

The true story in words and photographs of Amica, a large, flightless bird called a rhea, who is rescued and raised by a family in the suburbs of Portland, Oregon. Amica is a remarkably intelligent bird with a range of humanlike emotion including humor, curiosity and attachment. The family met Amica and took the bird home as a one week old chick. By six months the bird was five feet tall and firmly a party of the family. Mother and son Meadow and Washo Shadowhawk use words and photos to explore the history of rheas, which are primarily seen as livestock, as well as their family's experience raising one. They call on us to question the way we raise livestock and to treat all animals as humanely as possible.

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### Marketing Notes

1. Foreword by renowned primatologist Jane Goodall
2. 90-100 pages of color photos with captions that show the bird from a young age to the present day as it watches tv, sits at a desk, and interacts with family and pets

### Comparative Titles

- *Really Important Stuff my Dog has Taught Me* Cynthia L. Copeland 9780761181798 (Workman) \$12.95, 2014
- *Unlikely Heroes* Jennifer S. Holland 9780761174417 (Workman) \$13.95, 2014
- *A Seal Called Andre* Harry Goodridge 9781608932955 (Down East) \$14.95, 2014
- *Flash: The Homeless Donkey* Rachel Anne Ridge 9781414397832 (Tyndale) \$19.99, 2015

**Washo Shadowhawk** has been working with and helping animals from a very young age. At the age of 14 Dr. Jane Goodall recognized his work doing outreach to zoo primates and nominated him for the In Defense of Animals Guardian Award, which he won. He was featured on the Animal Planet movie "Jane Goodall's Heroes" as one of her heroes and was the recipient of the Gloria Barron Prize for young heroes. He lives in Beaverton, Oregon where he is a photographer and runs a rescue operation for exotic reptiles and birds.

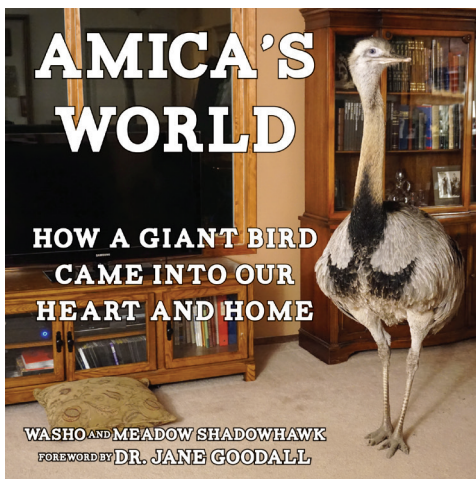


**Meadow Shadowhawk** is Washo's mother. She has a background as a veterinarian technician and also enjoys working with animals. She shares Washo's love of nature and has always supported his love of animals.



**Dr. Jane Goodall** is the world's preeminent primatologist, the founder of the nonprofit Roots & Shoots global youth-led community action program, and the author of numerous books, including *Reason for Hope*.

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