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In a spare, powerful text and evocative illustrations, the Newbery medalist Katherine Applegate and the artist G. Brian Karas present the extraordinary real story of a special gorilla.

Captured as a baby, Ivan was brought to a Tacoma, Washington, mall to attract shoppers. Gradually, public pressure built until a better way of life for Ivan was found at Zoo Atlanta. From the Congo to America, and from a local business attraction to a national symbol of animal welfare, Ivan the Shopping Mall Gorilla traveled an astonishing distance in miles and in impact.

This is his true story and includes photographs of Ivan in the back matter.

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From Reader Review Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla for online ebook

Lesley says

I am a better person for having read Ivan's story. This book will have a special place on my shelf right next to Ivan, Ruby and all of their friends.

Jillian Heise says

A beautifully told story. A must read after The One and Only Ivan.

Cheryl says

Well, tears came to my eyes. Lovely. Just what you'd expect from a non-fiction picture-book companion to The One and Only Ivan.

John says

Katherine Applegate talks about Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla
<http://mrschureads.blogspot.com/2014/...>

Mariah says

This is a great, easy, true story read. It's about a Gorilla that gets stolen from the wild and is forced to live in a shopping mall. People did not like the animal cruelty, so they fought for him to have a better life.

Mischenko says

Please visit my blog www.readrantrockandroll.com to see this review and learn more about Ivan the gorilla.

This book is the true story of Ivan the gorilla. He was brought to Washington straight from the Congo in the 60's at the age of 6 months. The story explains how he lived for 27 years before he was finally sent to Atlanta zoo. The story is shocking, but children find it interesting and create their own views on how they feel about animals in captivity.

This book is aimed at a younger audience, but has a fact page in the back as well. I would recommend the National Geographic documentary for older children and adults. There are also a few videos on YouTube

that kids can watch to see how Ivan grew up, and his life at his new home at Atlanta zoo.

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Niki (Daydream Reader) says

I love everything about this book....the dedication, the true story in picture book form and the background information. A beautiful heart print book that will go great with The One and Only Ivan.

Alexa Marshall says

1) (show front cover to students) This book has a long title. Let's all read the title together; (as a class read) "Ivan the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla". Great job! In the title, it has the words "true story". Can someone please tell me if that means that this book is a nonfiction story or if it's telling me that this book is fiction? You're right! It is nonfiction. That means that this story happened in real life, and the author and illustrator decided to tell a real story to students in a children's book. What do you think that this true story about Ivan could be about? Do you think it will be a happy or a sad story? Let's see.

2)-Draw attention to the genre
-Prompt hypothesizing based on the situation.

3)-I chose to draw attention to the genre because a lot of the time when people think of nonfiction books, they don't think of children's books with bright illustrations, but rather typically novels or books with real-life photographs instead of illustrations. By pointing out that this brightly colored children's book is actually, in fact a nonfiction book, it teaches or reminds the students that not all nonfiction books have to be "boring". -I also chose to prompt hypothesizing based on the fact that this book is nonfiction, but it has a gorilla on the cover. Hypothesizing what the story is about would have to be factual rather than fiction--for example, a student would not be able to hypothesize that the gorilla was able to fly because a gorilla would not be able to really do that. It would help the students decipher between real things that can possibly happen from imaginary things that can possibly happen.

Bookishrealm says

Such an important book to read. I know the author wrote a longer novel on Ivan, but this is a great introduction for any who wants to know his story. It's amazing how humans treat animals. Yes we are capable of so much more than animals can be at times, but they still are living/breathing creatures that deserve love, respect, and appropriate attention. A lot of times I think people think having certain animals in captivity is cute, but sometimes I think it causes more harm than good when these animals aren't allowed to flourish in habitats that are similar to their own. It was wonderful and I can't wait to read her novel about this gorilla.

Carrie Gelson says

I read this first through teary eyes. The beginning sentence is too beautiful. And oh how I love Ivan. He occupied our hearts - my students and mine when we read Applegate's special novel *The One and Only Ivan* in the spring. I have to practice reading this book multiple times before tomorrow so that I can read it without my voice catching when I look up at those little faces who love Ivan too. Thank you to Katherine and G. Brian Karas for making this beautiful picture book so that Ivan's story can continue to be shared in so many ways again and again.

Amanda [Novel Addiction] says

Very good picture book featuring Ivan, the shopping mall gorilla. Great illustrations, and the author did an amazing job at making the tragic story simple enough to be understood by a younger audience.

Well done.

But the "One and Only Ivan" is by far still the best version of this story. (And heartbreaking!)

Katherine Lochbaum says

While keeping lighthearted illustrations, Katherine Applegate broaches a very sad story to tell. Ivan, a gorilla taken from home at a very young age and kept in a B&I store in a shopping mall in the 1960s and 1970s will bring very powerful conversations to any classroom. I love that the author gives readers a glimpse into the life of the gorilla family in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo, from which Ivan was abducted, and then a very clear view of his life in the United States and finally in the zoo. Her page long detailed explanation at the end was also very useful in piecing together some more details about Ivan's life. I highly recommend taking the time to analyze this page for a few minutes! It is also such a moving story about how wild animals, while they may look cute and be able to act like humans, are not humans. Ivan experienced human love and treatment when he was little, but as he grew, his owners realized they could not continue to treat him like a person. Does that make it okay to keep him locked in a cage in a shopping mall? I would say this is a great read aloud for 2nd grade and above. While this happened what seems like a long time ago, poachers and animal abusers are still a current event that is worth taking some time to spark conversation about. The way the author uses and describes the events in Ivan's life would be a thought provoking and excellent classroom lesson.

Donalyn says

Don't miss the author's note with additional information about Ivan's life and the special note from Ivan's keeper.

Becky B says

A simple, non-fiction picture book about the gorilla who was the inspiration for *The One and Only Ivan*.

This is aimed at the kids not quite old enough to read *The One and Only Ivan* yet. It's a nice introduction to the gorilla who lived much of his life in a mall. Those who have read Applegate's fictionalized story about Ivan will not find much new information except more pictures of the real Ivan.

Kandice says

I read this while standing in Barnes & Noble the other day. I actually grew up watching Ivan at the B&I in Tacoma, and have loved him my entire life. While I agree that much of his life must have been less fulfilling than it could have been, it irritated me that this little book paints the picture that as soon as Ivan is moved to Atlanta, Georgia his life is rosy. It was not. He had not spent any time with gorillas since his "sister" died and he didn't adapt well to the other gorillas there. They didn't like him and he was afraid of them.

Ivan's real story had no fairy tale ending. In real life, sadly, this is often the case.
