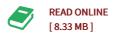




One With the Tiger: On Savagery and Intimacy

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Soft Skull Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 300 pages. Dimensions: 1.1in. x 0.0in. x 1.1in.On September 21, 2012, twenty-five year old David Villalobos purchased a pass for the Bronx Zoo and a ticket for a ride on the Bengali Express Monorail. Biding his time, he waited until the monorail was just near the enclosure of a four hundred pound Siberian tiger named Bashuta before leaping into it. They spent ten long minutes together in the tigers cage before nature took its course, with one exception: The tiger did not kill him. Davids only response: Its a spiritual thing. I wanted to be at one with the tiger. One with The Tiger: On Savagery and Intimacy uses Davids story, and other moments of violent encounters between humans and predators, to explore the line between human and animal. Exposing what the author defines as the shared liminal space between peace and violence, Church posits that the animal is always encroaching on the civilization and those seeking its wildness are in fact searching for an ecstatic moment that can define what it means to be human. Using examples from Timothy Treadwell to Mike Tyson, or such television icons as Grizzly Adams and The Incredible...



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