

Craig Hatkoff

with Juliana and Isabella Hatkoff



Craig, Juliana, and Isabella Hatkoff

Craig Hatkoff's mission as an author is to share remarkable stories of hope and friendship about real animals and real world issues, while at the same time empowering kids and their parents to help save our planet.

Along with his daughters Isabella and Juliana, Craig has written five nonfiction children's picture books about remarkable animals overcoming adversity. He and Isabella coauthored several bestselling books about the world famous Owen and Mzee: the baby hippo orphaned by the Tsunami and the giant tortoise, who formed an extraordinary bond. *Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* was a #1 New York Times bestseller and has been published in eighteen languages.

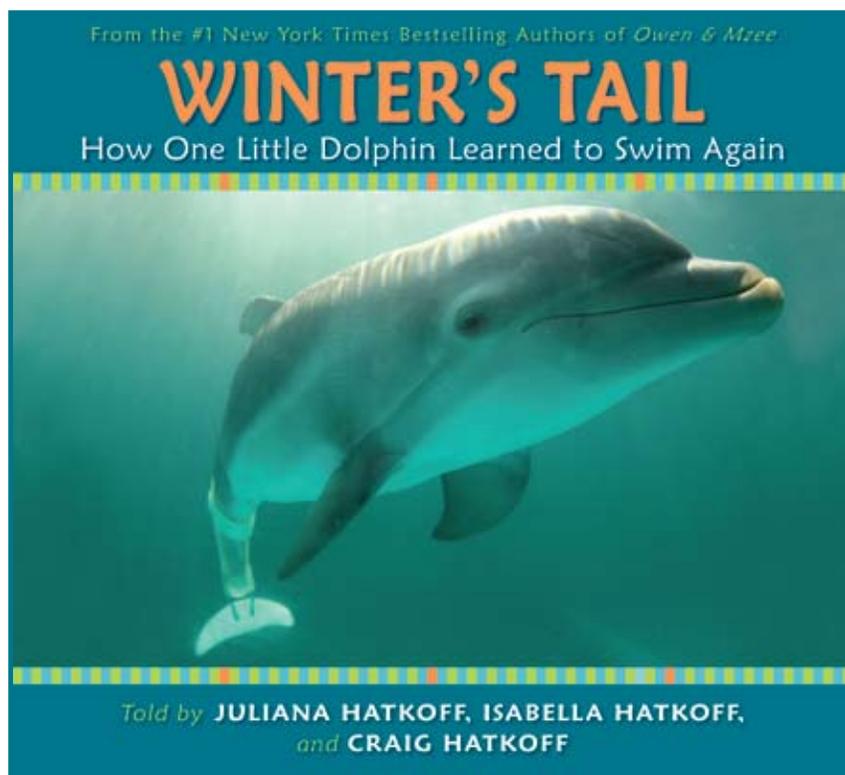
Other titles by the Hatkoffs include books about Knut (the famous baby polar bear in Germany) and Miza (a young orphaned mountain gorilla in the Congo). *Looking for Miza* was the centerpiece for a 2007 Clinton Global Initiative Action Commitment to protect the planet's 720 remaining mountain gorillas. This initiative was sponsored by Craig in partnership with Dr. Richard Leakey's WildlifeDirect, the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, and Scholastic. The book launch included the first-ever nationally webcast Kids Gorilla Summit, produced by Scholastic.

The Hatkoffs' latest title, *Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again*, is their first American-based subject. It is the inspiring true story of Winter, who as a two-month-old dolphin lost her tail after becoming entangled in a crab trap. Winter was rescued off the coast of Cape Canaveral and brought to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, where she was treated. CMA staff, engineers, and scientists helped Winter by fitting her with a breakthrough prosthetic tail, designed to be flexible enough for movement and durable enough for swimming. Winter now uses her prosthetic tail with great command, and her story is a testament to the power of love, friendship, and understanding for those who face incredible challenges.

In addition to being an author, Craig Hatkoff is cofounder of the Tribeca Film Festival, along with his wife Jane Rosenthal and Robert De Niro. He is the founder and Chairman of Turtle Pond Publications LLC, a private entertainment- and media-based company in New York and is also involved in a number of charitable and civic endeavors. Craig is on the Board of Directors of WildlifeDirect, the New York University's Child Study Center, the Sesame Workshop, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the Borough of Manhattan Community College Foundation. In 2002, Mayor Bloomberg appointed him one of the three Trustees of the New York City School Construction Authority, a position he held for four years.

Craig Hatkoff graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colgate University. He later received his MBA from Columbia University, where he was an adjunct professor for five years.

Craig lives in New York City with his wife and their two daughters.

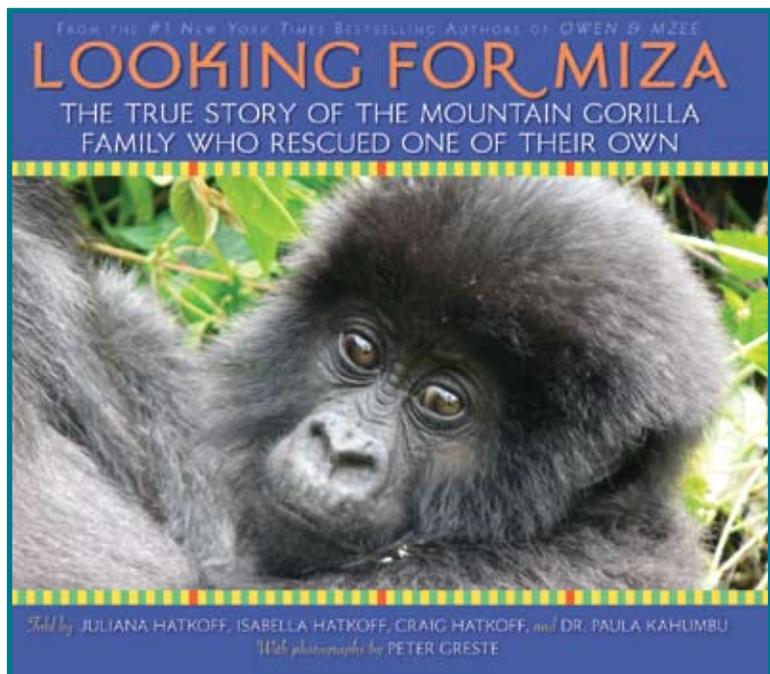


Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again

Winter's Tail chronicles the amazing true story of Winter, a two-month-old dolphin who lost her tail after becoming entangled in a crab trap. Winter was rescued off the coast of Cape Canaveral and brought to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, where she was treated and had to learn to swim again, using a prosthetic tail. Beyond all expectations, Winter has thrived and has become an inspiration to the disabled and able-bodied alike. Winter's story delivers an important message of hope, friendship, and universal acceptance.

Publication date October 2009
Ages 5 & up • 40 pages
Hardcover • 0-545-12335-6 • \$16.99





Looking for Miza: The True Story of the Mountain Gorilla Family Who Rescued One of Their Own

“Kids will feel the emotional impact....”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Readers will quickly respond....” —*Booklist*

“Engaging....” —*School Library Journal*

In the mountains of Virunga National Park in Congo, a young female mountain gorilla named Miza (Meeza) was orphaned when her parents were killed. She was rescued by a young silverback mountain gorilla named Kabirizi and his family of twenty-seven. It’s almost unheard of for a gorilla family to take in an orphan.

Experts and the people who care deeply about these gorillas are thrilled and hopeful. Filled with lush photographs by award-winning photographer Peter Greste, *Looking for Miza* is a powerful call to action.

Ages 4 & up • 40 pages
Hardcover • 0-545-08540-3 • \$16.99

Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World

“An essential addition to every collection.”

—*School Library Journal*

“Young children will be captivated.... sure to be a favorite with young animal-lovers.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

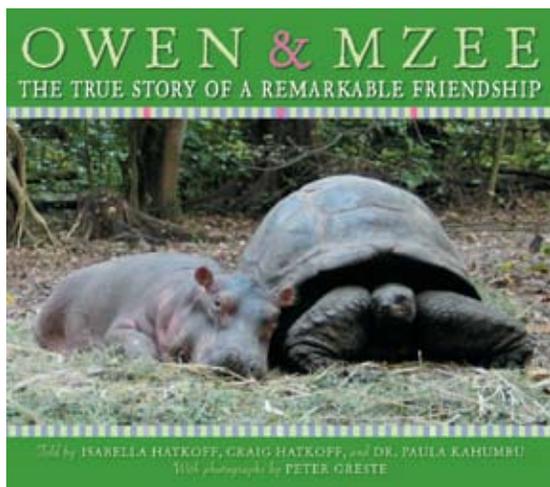
This is the true story of Knut, a baby polar bear born in the Berlin Zoo. His mother was unable to care for him, so Thomas Dörflein, a zoo keeper, became Knut’s foster father. Thomas slept beside Knut, fed him from bottles, and showed him how to swim and play. Babies and toddlers will love the way that this adorable little bear cub is just like them!

Ages 4 & up • 40 pages
Hardcover • 0-545-04716-1 • \$16.99
Board Book • 0-545-06157-1 • \$6.99



The inspiring true story of two great friends, a baby hippo named Owen and a 130-year-old giant tortoise named Mzee (Mm-ZAY). When Owen was orphaned after the December 2004 tsunami, to everyone's amazement the elderly tortoise adopted him. Now they are inseparable.

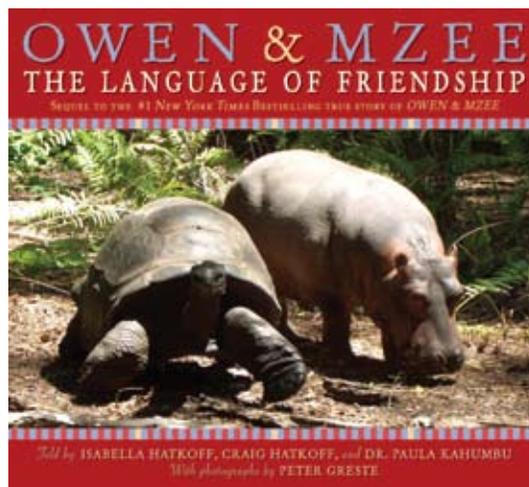
Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship



Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Book Award
New York Times *Bestseller* • *ALA Notable Children's Book*

- ★ “‘Remarkable’ seems too tame a word for this memorable book about a friendship between two wild creatures.”
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review
 - ★ “This touching story of the power of a surprising friendship to mitigate the experience of loss is full of heart and hope.”
—*School Library Journal*, starred review
- Ages 4–8 • 40 pages
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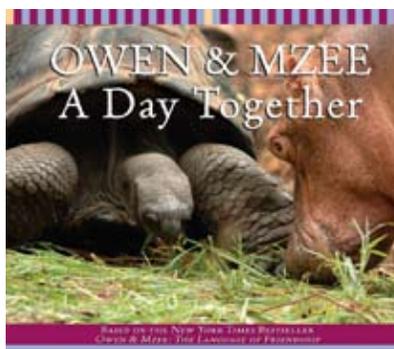
Owen & Mzee: The Language of Friendship



- ★ “Youngsters will eagerly await the next chapter in this extraordinary companionship.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review
 - ★ “Children captivated by the first book will be thrilled to discover this one....A first purchase for most libraries.”
—*School Library Journal*, starred review
- “[E]ager young readers can catch right up and be mesmerized, mystified, and charmed.” —*Kirkus Reviews*
- Ages 4–8 • 40 pages
Hardcover • 0-439-89959-1 • \$16.99

BOARD BOOKS

Owen & Mzee: A Day Together



A delightful way to share the wonders and joys of this remarkable friendship with the youngest readers.

Ages 3–5 • 12 pages
Board Book
0-545-03766-2 • \$6.99

Owen & Mzee: Best Friends



With photographs from the original book and new simple, sweet text, this version is perfect for young readers and families.

Ages 3–5 • 12 pages
Board Book
0-439-92872-9 • \$6.99