



Nim Chimpsky: The Chimp Who Would be Human

By Elizabeth Hess

Random House USA Inc, United States, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 206 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Now Elizabeth Hess s unforgettable biography is the inspiration for Project Nim, a riveting new documentary directed by James Marsh and produced by Simon Chinn, the Oscar-winning team known for Man on Wire. Hess, a consultant on the film, says, Getting a call from James Marsh and Simon Chinn is an author s dream. Project Nim is nothing short of amazing. An adorable baby chimp, a loving family, and an experiment that changed the lives of all it touched . . . Project Nim, the brainchild of a Columbia University psychologist, was designed to refute Noam Chomsky s claim that language is an exclusively human trait. Nim Chimpsky, the chimpanzee chosen to realize this potentially groundbreaking experiment, was raised like a human child and taught American Sign Language while living with his adoptive family in their elegant Manhattan town house. But when funding for the study ended, Nim s problems began. Over the next two decades he was exiled from the people he loved, put in a cage, and moved from one facility to...



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