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The Big Seven are the most exciting, charismatic and, in some cases, dangerous of Africa's big game species. This book covers the lives of these animals and the authors' adventures in both words and photographs to bring the experience of tracking down the Big Seven to life. Filled with magnificent imagery and evocative text, this book offers the reader a rare and intimate insight into the lives of these magnificent animals.

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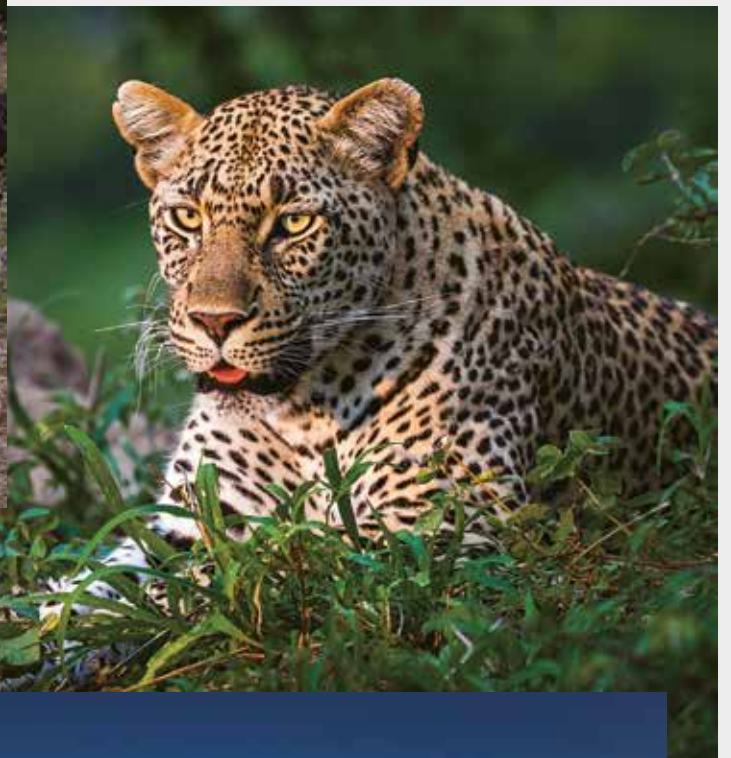
The traditional "Big Five" are Leopard, Rhinoceros, Buffalo, Lion and Elephant:

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Gerald Hinde and Will Taylor have spent over thirty years recording African animals, people and landscapes in both moving and still imagery. Over this time, it became clear that they were particularly drawn to a specific group of the most intriguing, exciting, dangerous and rare animals they had photographed.

The classification of lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant as the *Big Five* has always had associations with a hunter's world. However, they felt, as photographers, that there were, in fact, seven species of animal they were most interested in seeking out and recording on film. The addition of the increasingly rare cheetah, with its blinding speed and natural elegance, and the exciting, ruthless wild dog with its complex social society and relentless hunting style, has created *The Big Seven*. Within these pages they hope to have captured not only the lives of these animals, but also the thrill of their adventures over years in the company of Africa's most charismatic and fascinating animals. The text and photographs aim to take you on a journey, and make you feel as if you are present, rather than just to showcase images: to feel the dappled light of the riverine forest as a lithe, spotted cat slinks by your vehicle, or to feel the thunder of hooves and the smell of dust as a herd of buffalo take flight from a pride of hunting lions. Shot over fifteen years throughout Africa's big game areas, *The Big Seven* is a collection of these photographers' best and most exciting work, and an insight into some of the adventures and close calls they had while producing it.



Will Taylor was born in Zimbabwe, and grew up with an intense love of nature and its conservation, earning advanced degrees in both zoology and botany from the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg, where he was awarded the prestigious *Beit Fellowship* for his Masters studies. He went

on to become a wildlife biologist and Senior Ranger of the Mala Mala Game Reserve in South Africa. In this capacity he guided many luminaries on safari, including Margaret Thatcher and F.W. De Klerk along with other world leaders and celebrities.

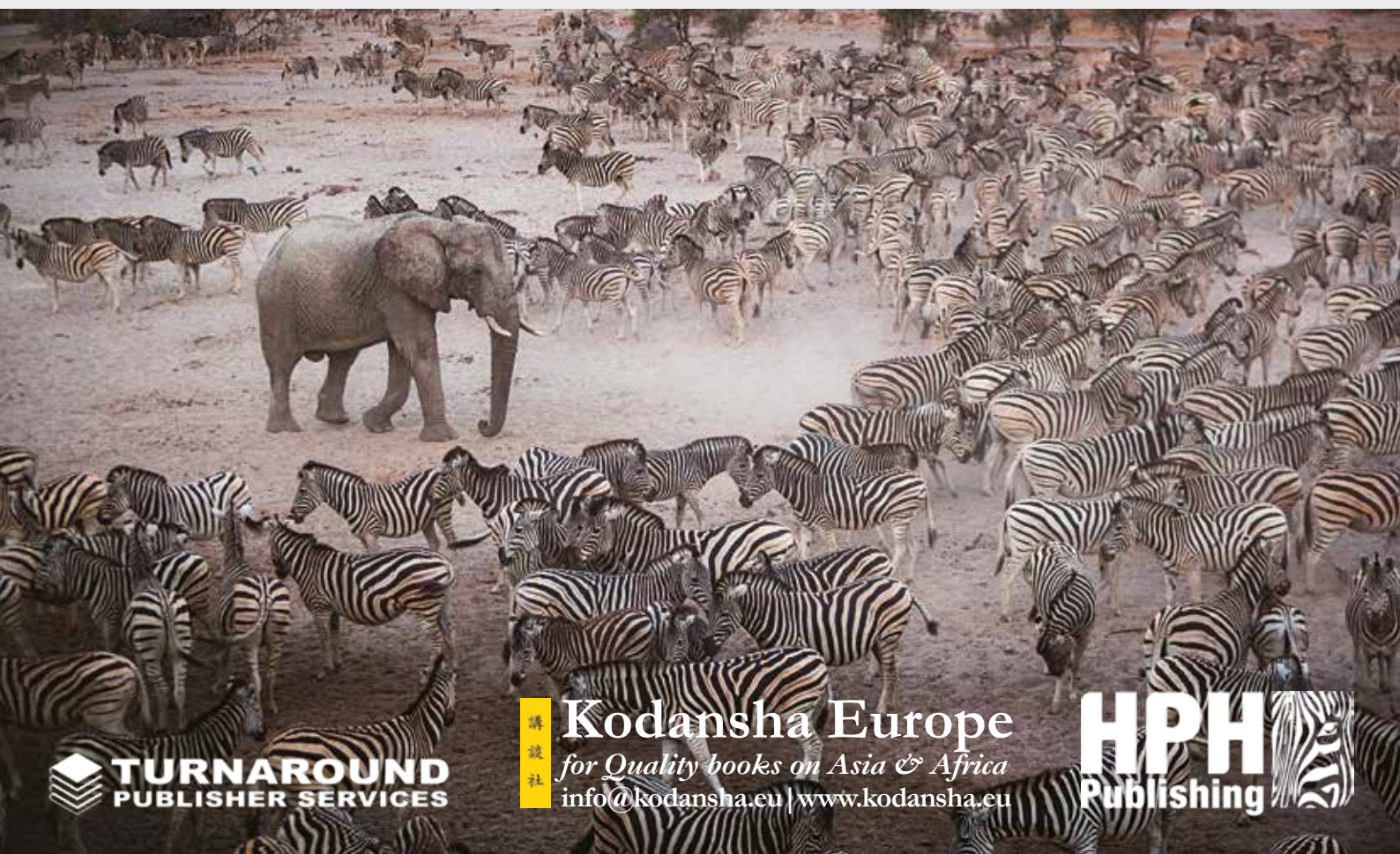
Will is the founder and owner of Khashana Travel, a Dallas-based company that creates luxury and adventure travel experiences with a particular focus on wildlife photographic safaris. Will is deeply involved in African conservation and tourism and the benefits these pursuits bring to the communities and ecosystems they protect.



Gerald Hinde was born in South Africa into a family that had a passion for wildlife as well as the family motor business. He was educated at King Edward VII School in Johannesburg where he matriculated.

After nearly thirty years as the managing director of the family firm, Gerald shed his business cares in 1989 and took up his hobby and first love photography professionally. He was already a recognised highly skilled wildlife photographer, and soon produced his first book that same year. Since then he has published numerous wildlife books and made several documentaries, receiving awards along the way. Also widely published in magazines, calendars and other media, he has won a succession of awards in photographic competitions.

Gerald and Will have co-authored 4 African wildlife books, produced 20 wildlife documentaries that have been broadcast in over 40 countries; they have had their photographs exhibited and published worldwide.



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