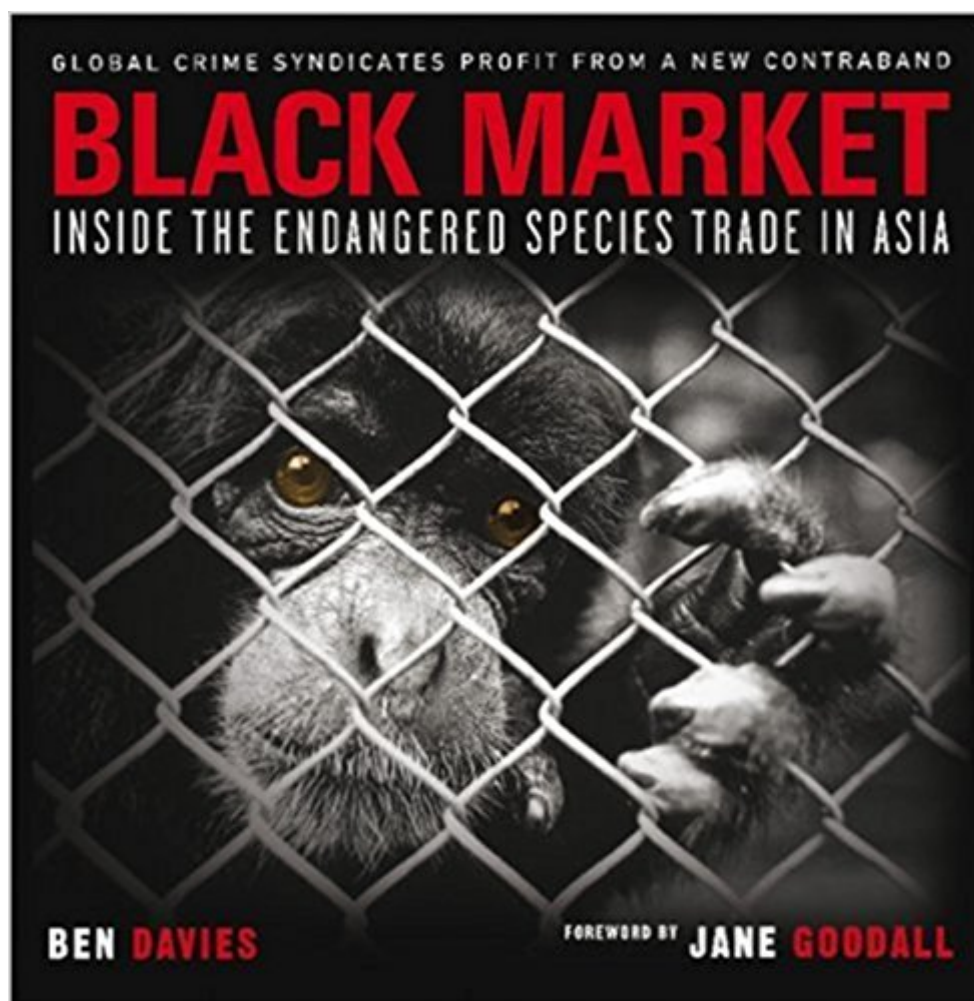


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Black Market: Inside The Endangered Species Trade In Asia



Synopsis

From the Russian Mafia in Siberia to freelance poachers in Thailand, *Black Market* is an unforgettable journey inside the grisly Endangered Species Trade, where unsanctioned global trafficking of rhino horn, tiger bone, ivory and rare birds has become a profitable industry for sophisticated organized crime networks and unscrupulous buyers around the world. Following in the footsteps of celebrity advocates Jackie Chan, Michelle Yeoh, and Angelina Jolie, *Black Market* exposes the unsettling truth about the cruel exploitation and bureaucratic indifference surrounding the multibillion-dollar underground industry that drives wildlife exploitation. Includes over 100 gripping black and white and color photographs with never-before-seen aspects of the illegal trade, up-close photojournalism uncovering illegal activities of poachers, traders and wildlife enforcement agencies, heroic tales of impassioned conservation efforts and the valiant individuals and organizations battling to save the world's precious wildlife heritage.

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With more than 100 powerful color and b&w photos, this at once eye-opening and deeply disturbing book is an urgent call to action. Davies, a Bangkok-based journalist, describes the plight of various disappearing Asian species, including tigers, bears and leopards in Thailand; pythons and other snakes in Vietnam; and Sumatran orangutans. Davies points to traditional beliefs in the healing powers of animal parts as a major driving force of the market, and takes the reader through several poaching scenarios to illuminate how the animal trade actually works. Some of the photos in the

book are not for the faint-of-heart (severed tiger heads, bear paws, pickled snakes, etc.), but the book sheds light on a shadowy, often illegal set of practices. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

*A photojournalistic account of the unscrupulous, multibillion-dollar black market trading of endangered species. *Features more than 100 full-color photographs.

I loved this book. It was easy to read and it opens your eyes to what is happening in the black market trade.

This is a superb book with easily readable text, tragic photos, and compelling stories. It has sections that alternatively focus on different geographic locations, animals, and types of problems. It also discusses some of the history of the wildlife trade. If there is a downside, it is that the book is depressing because of the scale of destruction going on. In fact, the wildlife trade is one of the largest underground markets, second only to the drug trade. But the book is a great attempt to shed more light on this dark subject.

The pictures are so real, and the text is very descriptive. The best book about animal black market I've seen!

Black Market is resoundingly successful in portraying the scale of the trade in endangered species in Asia - its roots, its cancerous growth and its callousness. Equally importantly, it shows how and why the trade can exist. What makes the book exceptional is that it is written not by an angry protester, but by a skilled journalist intent on telling the story as it is, and as accurately as possible. The book's author is not only a widely recognized photographer and journalist, but also a hard nosed economist with decades of experience in Asia. That he has managed to penetrate this black market, and emerge not only with gripping accounts of the trade but with photographs of it and the crucial local understanding to interpret its lifelines, makes for an educating read. Through a predominant use of black and white photography, the author ties the present to the past, and living traditions to ancient culture. Monochrome images portray a black trade. Colour, what we stand to lose.

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