



The Monkey Painter

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.After baby chimpanzee Sam Simian's mother got killed by a leopard he is adopted by Liz Day the primatologist who happened to be studying Sam's chimpanzee clan. Liz decides to try and raise Sam no differently than a human baby and begins to teach Sam American Sign Language only the version she teaches him was developed by KOKO the gorilla who modified ASL for a creature with non-opposable thumbs. Sam becomes fluent in sign language and eventually shows a penchant for painting abstract pictures eventually winning a prestigious art contest. But in Sam's new keeper's twilight years the money runs out and they are desperate so Liz and Sam travel back to the Congo where a group of researchers invited the pair to live if Sam will agree to enter the jungle and teach wild chimpanzees sign language.



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