



Packy and Me : The Incredible Tale of Doc Maberry and the Baby Elephant Who Made History

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On April 14, 1962, the birth of a precocious pachyderm captivated the world. The elephant--Portland, Oregon's own Packy--garnered national and international attention as the first-ever captive elephant born in an American zoo. In the face of an unpopular war in Vietnam and rising racial tensions, America needed a distraction. And now, more than forty years later, the man at the center of this epic story, Dr. Matthew Maberry, is here with the inside details. In *Packy & Me*, Dr. Maberry, the Oregon Zoos first-ever full-time vet, delivers a riveting account of Packy's birth, the false labors, the lack of information, and the ever-present worldwide media camped out to report the latest on mother Belle. Maberry captures the moment with a journalistic sense of authenticity and a deep compassion for nature and the animals in his care. Complete with newspaper clippings and photos, this scrapbook is sure to educate and captivate audiences all over again. Its a story that you, like the proverbial elephant, won't soon forget.

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