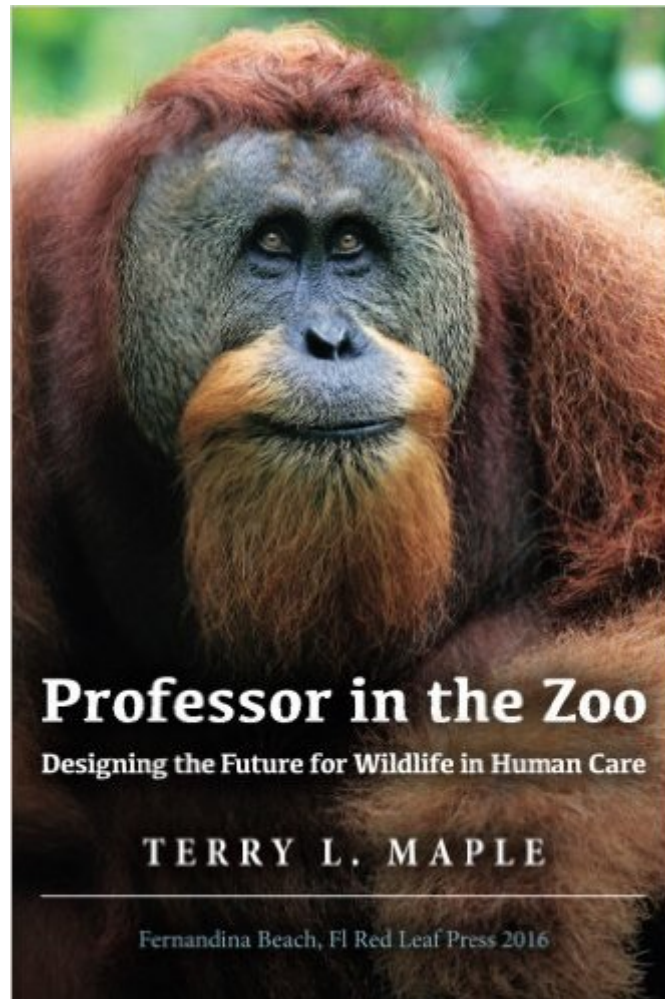


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# Professor In The Zoo: Designing The Future For Wildlife In Human Care



## Synopsis

Professor in the Zoo presents a vision for future zoos and aquariums based on the author's forty years of experience as a zoological leader and a university scholar. Dr. Terry L. Maple was the reform CEO of Zoo Atlanta where he transformed the zoo into one of the most innovative zoos in the world. Dr. Maple is known worldwide for his advocacy of empirical, ethical zoos where the welfare of the animals is the first priority. His research on the construct of wellness has provided opportunities to design zoos of exceptional quality where animals are encouraged to thrive. Dr. Maple is the coauthor of *Zoo Animal Welfare* (Springer 2013), *Gorilla Behavior* (Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1982), the author of *Saving the Giant Panda* (Longstreet, 2000), and the co-editor of *Ethics on the Ark* (Smithsonian, 1995). He is the founding editor of the journal *Zoo Biology* and a former Chair of the board for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Dr. Maple is Elizabeth S. Watts Professor of Conservation & Behavior Emeritus at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Director Emeritus of Zoo Atlanta, and Professor in Residence at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens. He is currently affiliated with Florida Atlantic University and the University of North Florida. At Emory University, Georgia Tech, and Florida Atlantic University, he supervised 31 doctoral-level students, many of whom are working in North American zoos. An expert on the psychobiology of nonhuman primates, he and his students have authored more than 250 scholarly publications. He is an elected Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Association of Psychological Science. He was educated at the University of the Pacific, the University of Stockholm, and the University of California at Davis. He is a leadership consultant to aquariums, zoos, and other non-profit institutions and currently resides on Amelia Island in Florida.

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Once in a while a book comes along that can really change things. This is one of those books. Dr. Maple presents his vision of the "empirical zoo," one that is driven by scientific, evidence-based approach to both design and management and are accountable to both the animals in their care as well as to the community at large. Dr. Maple intertwines the story of his own development as an animal behaviorist and professor, his saving of the Atlanta Zoo and his view of the role of animal parks and zoos in the world. Through his career, he has had a remarkably expansive view of role of zoos in the world--in both the everyday world in which most of us live as well as the academic and research world. The story of the changes at the Atlanta Zoo (now Zoo Atlanta) is a remarkable one that changed the zoo from one of the worst in the US to one of the best. Dr. Maple rightly gives credit to many others but make no mistake, the change was envisioned and fulfilled by the work of Dr. Maple. He tells that story and has many suggestions for other zoos and animal parks and facilities. He talks about the recent story of "Blackfish" and the ultimate decision of SeaWorld to stop Orca shows and the breeding of Orcas. He also discusses an ultimate alternative that some marine-mammal trainers have of an aquatic sanctuary. We read of the changes at Zoo Atlanta that brought both Giant Pandas as well as large breeding groups of gorillas to Zoo Atlanta, two of the most charismatic megafauna in the world. There are numerous discussions of various species at the zoo and we can easily see his view of the Empirical Zoo in practice. Dr.

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