



A TIME WITH MALA MALA'S LEOPARDS
By Dale Hancock

No-one who has watched a leopard in the wild could fail to be moved by this sleek, dappled predator - undeniably the 'ultimate cat'.

Dale Hancock, who together with fellow film maker Kim Wolhuter was responsible for the award-winning wildlife film *Beauty and the Beasts*, spent nearly two years 'living' with the leopards of Mala Mala Private Game Reserve.

After many disappointments, the perseverance of Dale and Kim paid off, and they won the acceptance of a female and her offspring. They followed her through the seasons, witnessing and recording her trials and tribulations in courtship, the birth and raising of her cubs, and her relationships and encounters with other leopards, and the struggle to live among more powerful predators such as lions and hyaenas.

This is the story of that time spent alongside a leopard family. Intensely personal, sometimes comic, sometimes poignant and sad, it captures the drama of wild Africa, and the magnificence of the leopard, the epitome of feline grace and power.

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