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A love unlike any other...a story of sacrifice and the unspoken connections that bring us together.

For the last eight years, Glee Granger has centered her life around Sema--they live together, play together, eat together, and "talk" together. Though Sema isn't the first gorilla to use sign language, Glee has pushed their interaction to breakthrough levels. Technically, however, Sema isn't hers. She belongs to the zoo where she was born--and the zoo wants its gorilla back. Glee's only option for continuing her work is to join the zoo staff. At first reluctant, Glee begins to see real possibilities in their new arrangement...until the unthinkable happens. One event overturns everything Glee thought she knew about humans and animals, the seen and the unseen, the spoken...and the unspoken.

She taught a gorilla to talk. Now can Glee learn to listen?

## Unspoken Details

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## **From Reader Review Unspoken for online ebook**

### **Nora St Laurent says**

I totally enjoyed this book. It was fascinating how the woman in this book like Jane Goodall taught the monkey's sign language to talk. She goes a little deeper about God and the animals that I had not thought of before. A FACINATING book. Angela Hunt comes up with the MOST INTERESTING books that really make you stop and think. Even after you are done reading they stay with you.

This is a memorable powerful read one that would be great for your book club.

#### **Disclosure of Material Connection:**

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### **TangledYarn says**

Let all creation tell of His wondrous works!Love Angela Hunt... This is one of her best!

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### **Roxanne Snopek says**

I happened onto this book by chance, while on vacation, but having read others by this author, I picked it up. The story of a primate researcher who teaches a gorilla to talk - and then has to deal with the consequences of her success, this book has much deeper themes. Such as: do animals have souls? Can they truly love? What's our responsibility as stewards of the animal kingdom? This author does NOT preach - nevertheless, she gets her message across most effectively.

It is a truly beautiful book, well-written, skillfully-structured, and deeply researched as usual, with fascinating information about non-human primates. I did not want it to end.

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### **Barbara says**

Actually 4.5 stars if I could give that rating, I enjoyed this very unique book. Angela Elwell Hunt always writes books that have an exceptional, unusual plot. The author had me very involved in the lives of Glee and

the gorilla she raised from birth, Sema. Not everyone agrees with her vision for Sema, and that causes many problems for Glee. The ending is surprising, but satisfying. Animal lovers will adore this novel, as well as those who love to read about unusual paths to a living faith.

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### **Jerry says**

Call me a curmudgeon, but I have never been too big on animals. Even the household pets we've had over the years regularly drove me crazy. I'm not sure why I picked this up, but it had been sitting on my shelf for a while, and I decided to read it today...and didn't care for it. Animal lovers will likely have a blast with it, but, I didn't.

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### **Kandace Rodgers says**

This book took me about 2 months to read but I'm happy I finished it. Nicely written and an easy one to follow. Beautiful bond between a parent and child, from friend to friend and that binds go further than blood. This is a book for everyone.

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### **Marla says**

I didn't like Glee at the start of the book and her almost fanatical attitude about gorillas. I also didn't realize this was a Christian fiction, which is not my favorite genre. I prefer to read suspense or YA fiction or when I'm in the mood, religious non-fiction books, rather than Christian fiction.

I did like Glee's devotion to Sema, her gorilla, who she teaches to sign. I liked the conversations that they had and Sema's sense of humor.

The acclimation of Sema went much too smoothly, but I liked the interactions with the other gorillas and their individual personalities.

Matthews, the Zoo Director was much more concerned with the financial side of the zoo rather than the animals best interests, which is necessary, but I found it difficult to believe a non-animal lover would run a zoo. Brad Fielding seemed like the perfect blend of animal lover and administrator and he was my favorite character.

Nana was sweet, but I did get tired of her preaching to Glee. I loved her patience and her belief in the power of prayer.

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### **Michael says**

I enjoyed this book the writing was good. I didn't like the ending. Won't tell you, have to read for yourself. The zoo keeper was a jerk, typical business man and just cares about the almighty dollar. It's worth a read if you are looking for something different from a fantasy or mystery or other genre. The author is local to Tampa and I have another book of hers too. The Note. May read that in the future

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### **Brittaney says**

When i started reading this book, i wasnt sure exactly what the whole plot was about, but i knew i wanted to read it because i loved KoKo (the signing gorilla) and so thats why this book appealed to me.

The book started off slow and then about halfway it picked up and became interesting to me. Its a great mixture of friendship and unconditional love. I love how Hunt shows us the bond between animals and humans, and how if we listen we learn. Sema (the gorilla) is an AMAZING character. I also love how, in the end, Sema teaches Glee about Gods love and devotion. I believe that animals DO see angels and i also believe that animals go to Heaven.

Over all this book was really good and i would recommend it to other animal lovers.

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### **Laura Thomas says**

Honestly, I wouldn't ordinarily pick up a book about a gorilla—but I have enjoyed all the other books I've read by Angela Hunt, so I took a chance. As usual, I was pulled into her story in no time and found myself heavily invested in the future of Sema the gorilla, and her teacher/ handler/ human mother, Glee. After raising the gorilla for eight years, Glee is faced with a dilemma which threatens to destroy not only her research, but her unique relationship with Sema. I found the use of sign language as a form of communication between them quite fascinating, and the story moves us through moments of indecision, heartache, tragedy, and gratitude. Yeah, I may have wanted a baby gorilla after reading this book!

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### **Jules Q says**

When I first picked up this book it was based on a single statement I read in a review blurb: "Even the animals know their creator." The story of relationship between an animal researcher and her gorilla charge, this book is simple but profoundly resonant. The tale evolves from one of intimacy with humanity to intimacy with God, and the ways that the animals teach their keepers is exciting to witness. One of the main characters, Sema the gorilla, is as interesting and captivating as any human subject has ever been, and her journey is one of poignancy and revelation. My heart soared through the final third of the book, and I read for hours upon hours because I could not find a suitable stopping point. In the end, I found myself praying to my God to open my eyes further to His Creation that I seem to take for granted so very often.

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### **Robin says**

I loved this book, by Angela Hunt. Her books are always provocative (the real definition)... controversial sometimes, always heart-pulling & thought-provoking.

As an animal lover, I couldn't resist this book, nor could I put it down. It would have received 5 stars from me if it hadn't made me curl up & weep like a baby. I know that's a good thing... for the author!

It's hard to find written viewpoints on animals in the hereafter, & because I love my own animals so entirely, I was eager to read Angela Hunt's perspective on this. I hope & pray that I see my precious pets in Heaven someday. I can't imagine any Heaven where sweet pets would not exist... can you? It just wouldn't be Heaven to me.

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### **Trish Cooper says**

This is probably one of my favorite books and definitely my favorite by this author. The story line was incredibly interesting to me.

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### **Lisa says**

This is one of my favorite books of Christian fiction. It's not seamless - the author leaves some holes and the plot takes leaps which seem unrealistic. But the subject - what might happen if a gorilla learns to communicate well enough to acknowledge its creator - is fascinating.

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### **Randy Alcorn says**

In *Unspoken* you'll meet my girl Sema, one of the most unforgettable characters I've ever encountered. She will touch your heart and expand the horizons of your mind. As for Angie Hunt...well, she's a stinky nut. To appreciate that complement, you'll have to read this captivating book!

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