

The Noble Wilds

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*"We do not have to use verbal language.
We communicate in silence.
We need not talk about love, harmony and peace.
We live in them."*

~Pitu



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Love Ocean

"The Noble Wilds" Readers Comments

Peter Weidhaas, President of the Conference of International Book Fairs and Director of the Frankfurt Book Fair from 1975-2000: Personally, I think that we don't just live alone on the Earth, but that all creatures, even the plants, are our brothers and sisters that we have to accept. The Earth is our mother, our basis; we come from her and we must return to her again. And that's why we need a lot of reverence for life and for Earth, and these kinds of books help. The book has a nice emotional element, in the illustrations. I wish for the book to find a wide audience and many happy readers.

So Yeon Park, chairperson of CARE, largest animal protection group in Korea: This book tells us how these little animals have emotions toward each other, and even have names. We think only humans can have names, but this book says animals can have names as well and communicate with one another. I'm mostly happy and grateful to the author for that point.

Ms. Iva Belichka, Editor-in-Chief of "Zornitsa" newspaper in Montreal, Canada: The first book, I read to my daughter Yana, who is 11 years old and she was very delighted by the photos themselves, because she likes drawing very much; and also by the words which are written there.

I do not know the time span in which Master Ching Hai managed to do all this because it is a very great wealth indeed - such photos, such pictures, I really do not know who could make it so professionally, on one hand, and on the other hand - it truly reveals profound things from nature which we have not thought of, we do not think of them.

She is a gifted person and we need to receive more information through her, so I leave this idea to you to share this information with children from a young age.

Son Ji-Young, Librarian, Pogok Library, Seoul, Korea: I'm a librarian and I've read countless books, but with this book, from the first page to the last, I could really feel the author put an incredible degree of effort and affection into creating this book. Seeing the pictures and reading the stories, I felt that they are so beautiful and artistic.

Also the contents of the book have informed me of the nobleness of the wilds and of the incredible secrets never known before.

Kim Young-Kyu, Korean regional military administration: I read "The Noble Wilds" not long ago. I was greatly happy to hear that the book became #1 bestseller at Amazon.com recently, and I sincerely send my congratulations for this achievement as the top bestseller. Before reading this book, I thought that humans are the lords of all creation and reign over all animals, but through the book, I realized that the animal world also has a realm of sensitivity, which is even more noble than that of humans. So, I came to think a lot that we should not rule or reign over animals from now on. I wholeheartedly thank Supreme Master Ching Hai, the author of this book, and, I hope it can be translated into Korean quickly so that this book can be read by many people.

Jenny Tamas, Director of Grey Haven Exotic Bird Sanctuary, Vancouver, Canada: I think it is absolutely fantastic. It is a very calming book. The pictures are wonderful. It gives you a warm feeling when you look through this book. And you know that each and every one of these, these little God's creatures are so very delicate and we have to go with respect, when we are visiting them, and this book has been wonderful and it shows you that.

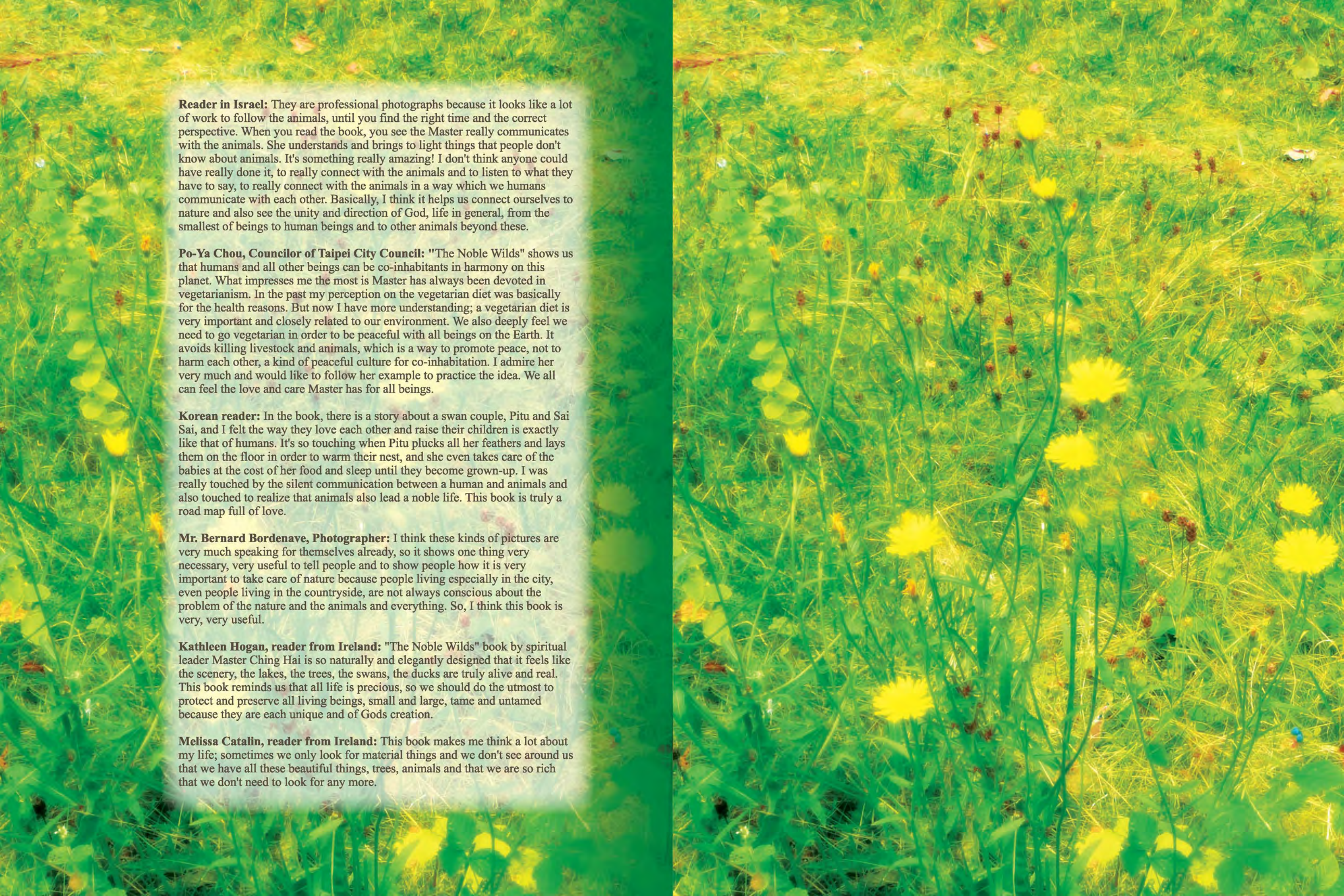
Director Xu, East Regions, Department of European Affairs: Her book describes clearly that it's in a very pure, natural, genuine and pristine environment that She interacted with the wild animals. Together with this experience, there's a sentence in her book. It is her quote here. She mentioned that in the animal kingdom. Just like us size doesn't matter and virtues count like everywhere else. Even I personally have the same feeling and conclusion. That is, for every living being, if you use your love to live together and interact together, it will give back to you and make you feel that it is exactly the same like us, a living individual. To love those so-called other living beings is actually to love ourselves.

Iranian book publisher: It's a very nice book, it's well done, the design is perfect and if you read the sentences, they are talking to you. As a publisher I think it's a good example to learn from, especially the design and how they have prepared the book.

Reader in Israel: The pictures create a direct contact with God, maybe even the Supreme Master. It's pure enjoyment to flip through and see. It's like a type of meditation. Look at these amazing pictures. There is nothing like nature, you can't duplicate it. Doesn't it really make you want to connect the second you see this?

Korean reader: Upon opening the book, I felt the author's warm and meticulous love toward living creatures, and it touched me a lot.





Reader in Israel: They are professional photographs because it looks like a lot of work to follow the animals, until you find the right time and the correct perspective. When you read the book, you see the Master really communicates with the animals. She understands and brings to light things that people don't know about animals. It's something really amazing! I don't think anyone could have really done it, to really connect with the animals and to listen to what they have to say, to really connect with the animals in a way which we humans communicate with each other. Basically, I think it helps us connect ourselves to nature and also see the unity and direction of God, life in general, from the smallest of beings to human beings and to other animals beyond these.

Po-Ya Chou, Councilor of Taipei City Council: "The Noble Wilds" shows us that humans and all other beings can be co-inhabitants in harmony on this planet. What impresses me the most is Master has always been devoted in vegetarianism. In the past my perception on the vegetarian diet was basically for the health reasons. But now I have more understanding; a vegetarian diet is very important and closely related to our environment. We also deeply feel we need to go vegetarian in order to be peaceful with all beings on the Earth. It avoids killing livestock and animals, which is a way to promote peace, not to harm each other, a kind of peaceful culture for co-inhabitation. I admire her very much and would like to follow her example to practice the idea. We all can feel the love and care Master has for all beings.

Korean reader: In the book, there is a story about a swan couple, Pitu and Sai Sai, and I felt the way they love each other and raise their children is exactly like that of humans. It's so touching when Pitu plucks all her feathers and lays them on the floor in order to warm their nest, and she even takes care of the babies at the cost of her food and sleep until they become grown-up. I was really touched by the silent communication between a human and animals and also touched to realize that animals also lead a noble life. This book is truly a road map full of love.

Mr. Bernard Bordenave, Photographer: I think these kinds of pictures are very much speaking for themselves already, so it shows one thing very necessary, very useful to tell people and to show people how it is very important to take care of nature because people living especially in the city, even people living in the countryside, are not always conscious about the problem of the nature and the animals and everything. So, I think this book is very, very useful.

Kathleen Hogan, reader from Ireland: "The Noble Wilds" book by spiritual leader Master Ching Hai is so naturally and elegantly designed that it feels like the scenery, the lakes, the trees, the swans, the ducks are truly alive and real. This book reminds us that all life is precious, so we should do the utmost to protect and preserve all living beings, small and large, tame and untamed because they are each unique and of God's creation.

Melissa Catalin, reader from Ireland: This book makes me think a lot about my life; sometimes we only look for material things and we don't see around us that we have all these beautiful things, trees, animals and that we are so rich that we don't need to look for any more.

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Foreword

*I*n the animal kingdom, size doesn't matter and virtues count like everywhere else.

Thus, I have discovered for example that the tiny squirrels have individual names but the ducks don't.

That may be due to the fact that squirrels have higher NQ (Noble Quality) than the ducks.

I have also discovered that if a race of animal possesses an NQ of 9% or higher, it will be entitled by nature to have an individual name! (The human is more privileged.)

Here are some for general reference:

Cows = 40%	Some birds = 30%
Elephants = 30%	Coots = 10%
Pigs = 30%	Beavers = 10%
Deer = 20%	Swans = 20 %
Dogs = 30%	Geese = 20 %
Eagles = 3%	Orangutans = 20%
Squirrels = 10%	Tigers = 4%
Duck = 8%	Lions = 3%

Humans:

High = 90% (small number)

Low = 3% (lots)

Average = 10% (lots)

I've also learnt that animal parents don't give names to their offspring, but it will be transmitted to them in time by the council of their species. For example, swans will "pick up" their names before maturity, around two years of age; the same with geese, and in the case of beaver or squirrel, around one year.

Some animals of the same species have more NQ on average than others,
For example:

Pitu = 30%, Female Swan
Gina = 25%, Female Swan

Only among humans, the NQ varies greatly because we are more equipped to develop compassion; also we are more exposed to different situations, which require our love and help for other fellow humans and other beings.

Yes! I was also surprised by the finding! There are so many marvels even in this physical universe. One really must take time to discover.

And another thing: Female animals in general have 1 or 2% higher NQ than their male counterpart, and in the human world it's the same. I guess motherhood does help to develop more unconditional love, and the more one exercises "NQ," the more extra one will have.

It is a privilege for me to be revealed this information. I did not seek to know. It just came by itself as the bond of friendship deepened between the wilds and I. Once I knew some of them, other species' data became also available. Once we know even as little as what I know, we will never look at the animals the same way as we did before.

I am very happy to share a little knowledge about some of our co-inhabitants in this book. Some of those whom, as language barriers prevent us to understand each other, have been mistreated, misused or forgotten.

If I were to write much more of what has been transmitted from them, it will take many books; besides, it only concerns myself and others I need to be in contact with as part of my "job's" necessity. So I do not include herein.

Anyway, I was thrilled to know much about our animal friends; hope you too will be.

May all beings be loved and blessed - with Peace & Happiness.

P.S. I love all the photos in this book, leaving some for your own comments. Please enjoy them as much as the story here. They are real actions and sceneries. Some of the photos are rare moments. Some took many hours or days to capture, and for some I had to wade into deep water or thick forest to film... (Video & photos)



Appreciation

This book is about the wilds, but I also feel like a “wild” myself. Though it is not about me, but you see my photo sometimes. I think you like it, no? Thanks to several assistants who caught my image for you:

Thomas Larning

T. Hao

T. June

Steve Andreas

Jus-se

T. Khai



For the rest of the pictures and sceneries, you'll have to bear it without the old woman. But I am always there with you, behind the camera.

There are more residents and tourists who are not in the book: The big fishes, frogs, tortoises, rabbits, owls, pigeons, different birds, crickets, snails, deer, etc... But I thank them all for their love and support, so that this book can reach you.

I can take photos and write forever; maybe I will, because they all are fascinating. For example: As I camp near by, the frogs chorused all night, singing, responding back and forth till dawn, sometimes longer. It's like a perfectly orchestrated musical performance, free and nonstop; who gives them such magnificent voice and robust energy? And in such a size so tiny!

On the other hand, maybe I let you polish your imagination a little or go click the camera yourself.

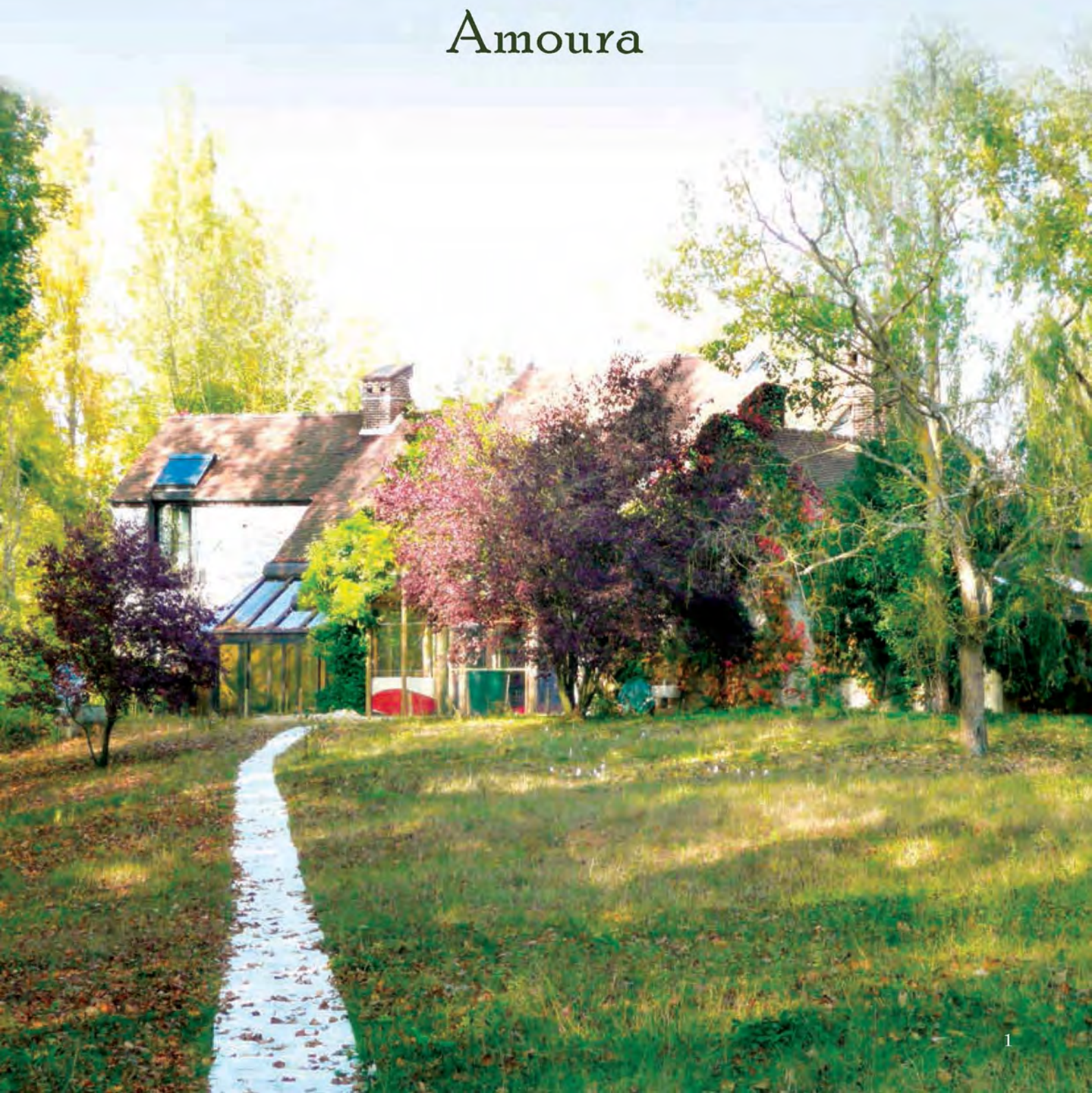
I love writing this special book.

I love all beings in this book and all others.

I love all the sceneries that I photographed.

I love the feeling that you will read and enjoy.

The Village of Love Amoura



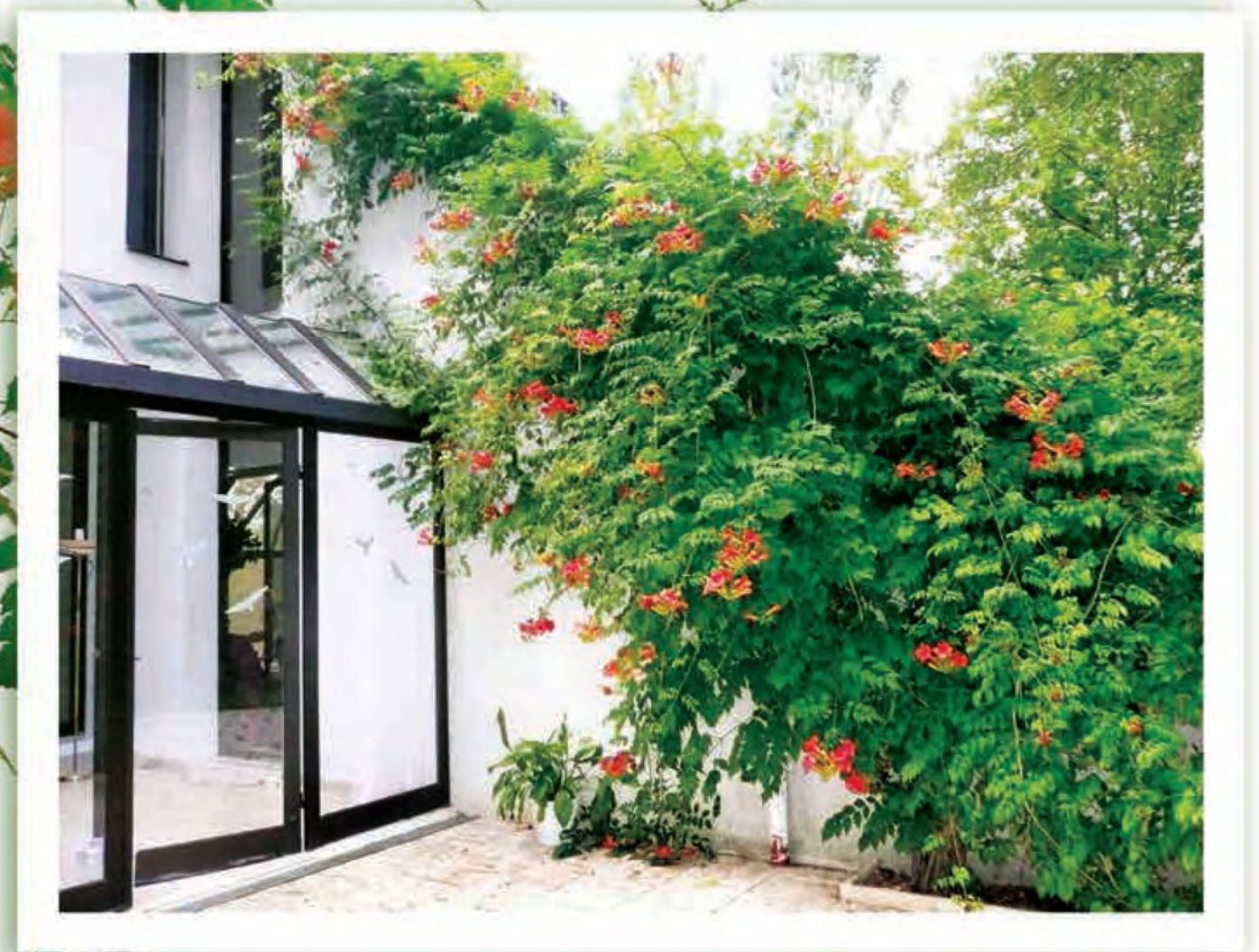
Surrounded by ancient town and old forest, Amoura is around 220,000 m² with a population of 5/6 human (the scale tipped depends on "Tourism"), 10 dogs, some pet birds and teeming wild life.





Village's Park

It has a lake, half the size of the village. And most of the wild here depend on it for survival. The swans, the geese, ducks, coots, squirrels, beavers, rabbits, tortoises, rats, frogs and of course fishes, are those who take up residence around or in the lake.



A Villager's Residence



Fauna and Flora
of the Village

The deer and others like herons, owls, seagulls are non-residents, but come often and are always welcomed.



Stairway to a Residence

Others like squirrels, rabbits, birds of all kinds, and even a pair of young pigs prefer the woods surrounding the village. This village again is surrounded by an abundance of woods, extending miles all around, a favorite place for horse riding.



A Villager's Residence



Wild Beauty of Amoura

Most of the weekends, you can see riders and their horses stamping the ground with their footprints. And visitors also come here to take a fresh breath of air and bathe in nature's kindness.

The village is also belted with a long, deep and wide canal on one side and the beautiful river on the other. The scenery here is perfect. It's only befitting that beautiful and noble beings reside in this restful abode.

Red Garage
"Green" Parking



Camping in Amoura

