

SnapRead!

Charlie opened the big barn door. They went in. The barn was dark. They were very quiet.

Cheryl said, "This receiver says that a mountain lion is here. But it does not tell me where."

Tom pointed toward the hayloft. Cheryl moved toward it. She pointed a flashlight at the boards. They saw something move.

Cheryl took off her coat. She went to the ladder.

"Are you going up there with a lion?" Charlie asked.

"Yes." Cheryl said. "It is my job."

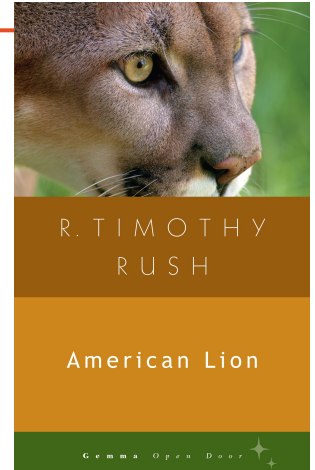
Cheryl went up the ladder fast. She was talking to something in the dark.

Charlie's heart pounded. A small woman was with a female mountain lion. The lion was big. The lion would protect her young. Charlie was afraid for Cheryl.

Cheryl crawled down. She said, "The lion is healthy. She is well fed. There are no babies."

That was good news for Charlie Jansen. Cubs and mothers were caught and moved before they ate Charlie's calves. That would be a very hard job!

Charlie kept an eye on the lion for two months. He called her Liz'beth. He talked to her. Sometimes she growled back. One day, she was gone.



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