

SnapRead!

Jake Hall is a fine young man. He is a cowboy, a hunter, and a fisherman. He is quiet. He is a friend to all.

African lions hunt in groups. Mountain lions hunt alone. Jake was once stalked by a hungry puma in Rock Creek Canyon. One summer day, Jake went fishing. He took Duke. Duke was his dog and his best friend. They went to the mountains. Duke was a hero that day.

Jake and Duke scrambled over jagged rocks. They hiked one hour. They found a good fishing hole. Jake caught three trout. They had a good day!

Jake sat down to eat his sandwich. Duke went on his belly. He was ready to fight. Jake could not see anything. But Duke growled.

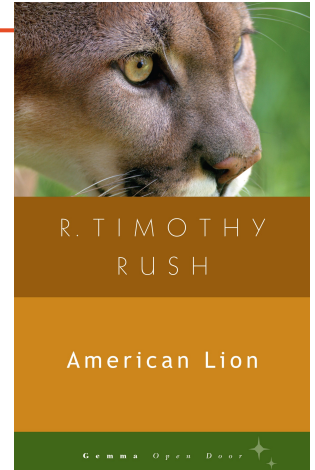
Then, Jake saw the mountain lion. He was grey like the rocks. He was very close. Jake grabbed Duke, but too late!

The cougar was surprised. The dog was smaller than the cat. But the dog was faster. He knocked the mountain lion down. They fought. They both fell off the ledge. They dropped eight feet. The lion ran off.

Jake gave Duke an apple. He patted his back. He said he was a good dog. Duke was proud and happy.

Then, the puma came back! This time, Duke charged. The lion ran back to the rocks. Duke was too brave for him.

Jake and Duke went home. They never saw the lion again.



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