

# REALLY RHINOS!

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## RAMBUNCTIOUS RHINO

No, I did not make up this headline. There is a new but growing mail-order company that uses this name. Even I don't have some of the things advertised. Besides some carvings, there are rhino mugs, pins, swizzle sticks, stationery, "t" shirts, letter opener, bookends, napkin rings, magnet and a rhino made from pecan shells. The owners will also donate a portion of the proceeds to rhino conservation. Send for your catalogue today. Your satisfaction is guaranteed. The Rambunctious Rhino, 1221 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602. (800) 393-1135.

## RHINO QUIZ

Where will you find Macho, Tombi, Chula, and Toto (and the answer is not in Kansas or Oz). They are owned by McAllen, Texas rancher Calvin Bensten who used to be a big game hunter but now spends his time trying to save the black rhino. Each of these ranch rhinos has a 1-acre corral. McAllen is near the Mexican border. Six years ago, Bentsen started his ranch with two rhinos. Since then a baby has been born and another female has been sent from Africa. Someday, Bensten hopes, all the rhinos will be returned to

Africa.

"Out of Africa", a black rhino sculpture issued by the Franklin Mint, is still available from the Rhino Connection. It's not cheap but it is a limited edition and has already gone up in price. Call Debbie Byrne for current price but I know it's more than \$250. Rhino Connection, 800-423-2066.

If you collect rhino business cards, I've got a novel one for your stash. Write to Rob McGinty, general manager of Rhino Linings (sprayed polyurethane van and truck bed linings). The back of the card is actually a sample of the lining. Rhino Linings of Cleveland, 986 Broadway, Bedford, OH 44146. Thanks to Bob Neillie for reminding me of this business.

them from extinction. The author has described these events through the eyes of fictional characters. Although the situations described are based on fact, the people and the events described are fictitious."

An excellent introductory text for elementary and middle school children about the plight of the African rhino. Each page has a photograph or drawing with captions that extend the text. The fictional characters, a young African boy who's uncle was a poacher, a game warden, a zoologist weave a true-to-life story about the overhunting, habits and habitat, translocation and future of the rhino. The map at the end vividly depicts the population depletion of the black rhino over the last one hundred years. An excellent contribution to conservation education as well as to any rhinophile's library.



*Rhino: The Story of the Rhino and the People Who Control Its Future. From the S.O.S. (Save Our Species Series). Written by Jill Bailey. Illustrated by Alan Baker. Gallery Books, 112 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 1991. 46p. (\$4.98). Publisher's note: "This series is concerned with the world's endangered animals, the reasons why their numbers are diminishing, and the efforts being made to save*

P.S. An eerie note. When Michael Werikhe visited me, he mentioned the Laikipia Ranch which he felt was worthy of conservation dollars. This ranch is mentioned in the book but sadly it is exhibiting rhino skulls. I will have more information on Laikipia in the next issue of Really, Rhinos!