

Download The Elephant Keeper Christopher Nicholson

“Intensely moving. [An] exceptional novel.” —Boston Globe A poignant and magical story set in eighteenth-century England, *The Elephant Keeper* by Christopher Nicholson is the tale of two baby elephants and the young man who accidentally finds himself their guardian. Christopher Nicholson was born in London in 1956. He read English at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and lives in south-west England. His first novel, *THE FATTEST MAN IN AMERICA*, was published in 2005. *THE ELEPHANT KEEPER*, which followed in 2009, was shortlisted for the Costa Best Novel award and for the Encore Award. *The Elephant Keeper* is Tom’s account of his life with the elephants. As the years pass, and as they journey across England, his relationship with the female elephant deepens in a startling manner. Along the way they meet incredulity, distrust and tragedy, and it is only their understanding of each other that keeps them together. Read an Excerpt. *The Elephant Keeper*. Chapter One. April 24th. It was six days ago that Lord Bidborough, accompanied by another gentleman, came to the Elephant House and, after making the usual inquiries about my charge, who was, at that moment, quietly eating hay, asked whether it was true that, as he had heard, I was able to read.