

Contents

Introduction	1
--------------	---

I. Beginnings

1 Human Nature and Elephant Nature	11
2 Mammoth Riches	20
3 Overchill, Overkill, Over-ill, and Over the Hill	34
4 Elephants in America	47

II. Worship and Delight

5 Dances with Elephants	61
6 The Elephant Treasure	75
7 The Elephant-Headed God	88
8 The Land of the White Elephant	98

III. In War and Pieces

9 Warriors and Giants	117
10 Blood and Circuses	128
11 Ambassadors from the East	138
12 White Gold	147
13 Brown Ivory	163

IV. The Circus Comes to Town

14	Bailey and Barnum, Jumbo and Bet	177
15	Topsy Was Framed	196
16	Our Kind of Elephants	206

V. Endings

17	The Elephant Island	221
18	Catching an Elephant	229
19	No Room in the Nilgiris	243
20	Must This Show Go On?	254
21	Breaking Contact	273
22	Seeing the Elephant	287

Notes	303
Bibliography	330
Index	346