



**This is the story of two remarkable—and extremely rare—wild white lion cubs on their journey to adulthood. Both are female, sisters born as white as snow in May 2009 in South Africa's Kruger Park. Growing up in this vast, wild wilderness they must not only overcome the same survival challenges that all young lion cubs face, they must also overcome the threats their high visibility brings.**

adult lionesses must protect their cubs well in order to raise them successfully through their critical first two years of life.

This film follows this lion family on their journey through the Kruger wilderness. The last white lions cubs to be born here two years ago were killed by another lion pride before they reached six months. As a white lion cub, hiding in the grass is impossible. To keep their pride alive our two lionesses must also teach their cubs how to hunt. This film follows their efforts, and shows just how crucially important the parents' skills and characters are in turning their helpless cubs into little hunters. Amazingly, these lionesses specialise in hunting Cape buffalo—one of the strongest and most combative of prey. This film features these hunts and shows our cubs getting first hand lessons in the skills of hunting.

In the African bush anything unusual stands out strongly and is often eliminated by eagle-eyed predators. Will our cubs survive? The odds are stacked against them—80% of all newborn lion cubs don't make it to adulthood. The most important advantage they have is character. They are feisty. They fight for what they want—a very important quality in a lion. They're members of a small family pride, consisting of their tawny-coloured mother and her sister, who has two young tawny male cubs of her own. The two

'White Lions—Born Wild' (Episode 1: 'Against all Odds', Episode 2: 'Fight for Survival') is a true wildlife story, featuring strong characters, closely studied. We follow the cubs' progress as they embark on the pathway to adulthood, learning to hunt, to avoid danger, to live in their white coats. This is a strong behaviour-led film, a coming-of-age story of a very rare and unusual pair of lions. Through their eyes we will learn what it is really like to be a lion in Africa.



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## WHITE LIONS BORN WILD

2 x 53 min. + 1 x 90 min.

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HD, 5.1 and Stereo

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