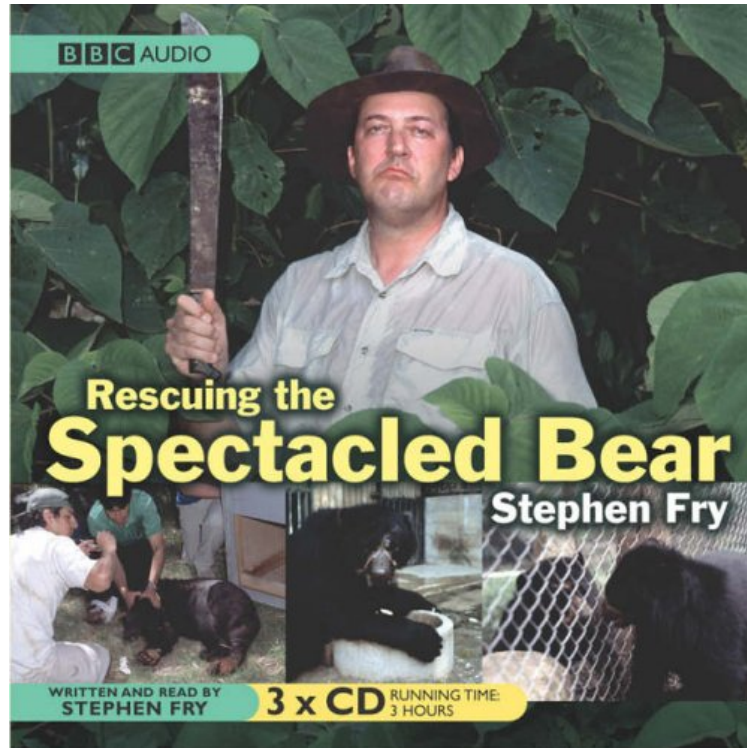


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**From BBC Audiobooks Ltd : Rescuing the Spectacled Bear** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rescuing the Spectacled Bear:

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The inspirational book "Rescuing the Spectacled Bear" is read by Stephen Fry and also includes a specially recorded update by the author on the Bear Rescue project. Stephen Fry first travelled to Peru to investigate Paddington Bear's origins in the BBC documentary, "Paddington Bear: The Early Years". However, the surprise star of the show turned

out to be a real live bear named Yogi. He was a Spectacled Bear so called due to the markings around the eyes but had been captured by the people of a small village high in the Andes and had lived in a tiny cage, barely large enough for him to turn around in, for two years. Thanks to some bartering, he was released and taken to a new enclosure at the bottom of Peru's greatest man-made treasure, Machu Picchu. This was the beginning of Stephen's obsession with Spectacled Bears and their destiny. A charitable foundation Bear Rescue was then established for the purpose of rescuing distressed bears, to purchase land for their exclusive use and to pursue research into their numbers, their habitat and their future. Then it was back to Peru for the second documentary. Stephen Fry and the Spectacled Bears was devoted entirely to the welfare of the Spectacled Bear and the attempts to keep the species from extinction. During this trip Stephen kept a diary. The diary became the book, "Rescuing the Spectacled Bear", which has now been exclusively read in its entirety by Stephen Fry for this recording.

"This is, above all else, a thoughtful book. And namedroppy too, and funny . . . Its camaraderie of tone lets it wear its learning lightly yet leaves you with . . . new insights, new ways of looking at things."---"The Guardian""Funny, poignant . . . His prose feels like an ideal form of conversation."---"Washington Post" ""The Fry Chronicles" is so slickly charming it seems churlish to harrumph"---"Wall Street Journal""Mr. Fry is pitiless on the subject of his young self, but he's also wry and tender and hilarious."---WSJ.co "Fry begins with an unnecessary apology for the ordinariness of his writing, and then proceeds to write masterfully, assessing himself with his signature blend of self-loathing and baffled amusement . . . The memoir stands as proof of the author's intelligence, wit, and insight."--"Entertainment Weekly " "Stephen Fry's new volume of memoirs, "The Fry Chronicles: An Autobiography" is a delightful account of the legendary British comedian/actor's years at Cambridge, and his first years in show business. Even his occasional overwriting is so quickly followed by witty self-deprecation that he never loses the reader's sympathy and interest. To read this book is to fall in love (perhaps not for the first time) with its subjects: one of the world's greatest universities, and the British comic tradition. Strongly recommended."---"National "About the AuthorStephen Fry is an award-winning comedian, actor, presenter and director. He rose to fame alongside Hugh Laurie in A Bit of Fry and Laurie (which he co-wrote with Laurie) and Jeeves and Wooster, and was unforgettable as General Melchett in Blackadder. More recently he presented Stephen Fry: The Secret Life of the Manic Depressive, his groundbreaking documentary on bipolar disorder, to huge critical acclaim. His legions of fans tune in to watch him host the popular quiz show QI each week.