

Review of *From Boys to Men of Heart* Honors Bond with Animals

Writing in the Butte Weekly, Paul Vang's outdoor column is entitled "Special bonds reason for Thanksgiving." It starts out, "A long-standing tradition among Native Americans, and European cultures as well, is that when we are hunting, the animal we are supposed to take will offer themselves to us."

Corroborating this theme of the book, Vang goes on to say, "...after many years of hunting, I would be hard-pressed to dispute the notion, especially when we take a closer look at big game hunting...it's amazing how often, when I look back over the seasons, the animals I've taken have, seemingly, offered themselves....There is a mystical, but real, connection....there is a special bond between us and the animals we hunt...we have the obligation to give thanks for the gifts of life, and in return, nurture a healthy environment for wildlife."

He concludes his review with these words, "...and may we never forget that millennia-old bond between us and the animals that provide the food we put on the table."