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## Just a Thought...Year of the Apes

It's been an interesting year for the apes. Laurence Gonzales started it off with *Lucy*, in which a half-girl, half-ape Lucy is brought out of Africa and into the suburbs where her adoptive mother gradually learns the truth and must move quickly to save Lucy. Then there's Sara Gruen's *Ape House* in which bonobos in a refuge are turned loose and then exploited in a reality show. Then there's Benjamin Hale's *The Evolution of Bruno Littlemore*, in which chimpanzee Bruno learns to speak and believes he is becoming human. Human-animal communication is a fascinating subject and these books each frame the topic in unique ways. In case you're interested in even more Ape novels, take a look at these:

Banks, Russell. *The Darling*

Hoeg, Peter. *The Woman and the Ape*

Preston, Douglas. *Jennie*

Self, Will. *Great Apes*

Wesselmann, Debbie. *Captivity*

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