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ANNE INNIS DAGG

RESEARCHER STUCK NECK OUT AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED In a perfect world, the name Anne Innis Dagg would be spoken in the same breath as Jane Goodall. A contemporary of the famed chimpanzee researcher, Toronto-born Dagg spent the summer of '56 on a remote ranch in South Africa, engaging in the first scientific study of giraffes. But back in Canada, she faced so much sexism in the academic world that she eventually withdrew from the field, though she continued to write books about animals, and to push for equal rights for women in academia. Alison Reid's documentary catches up with the now-85-year-old Dagg as she revisits Africa and connects with modern researchers, who remain in awe of her early work. The Woman Who Loves Giraffes opens Nov. 16 at the Ted Rogers Hot Docs cinema in Toronto. ** Chris Knight, National Post

