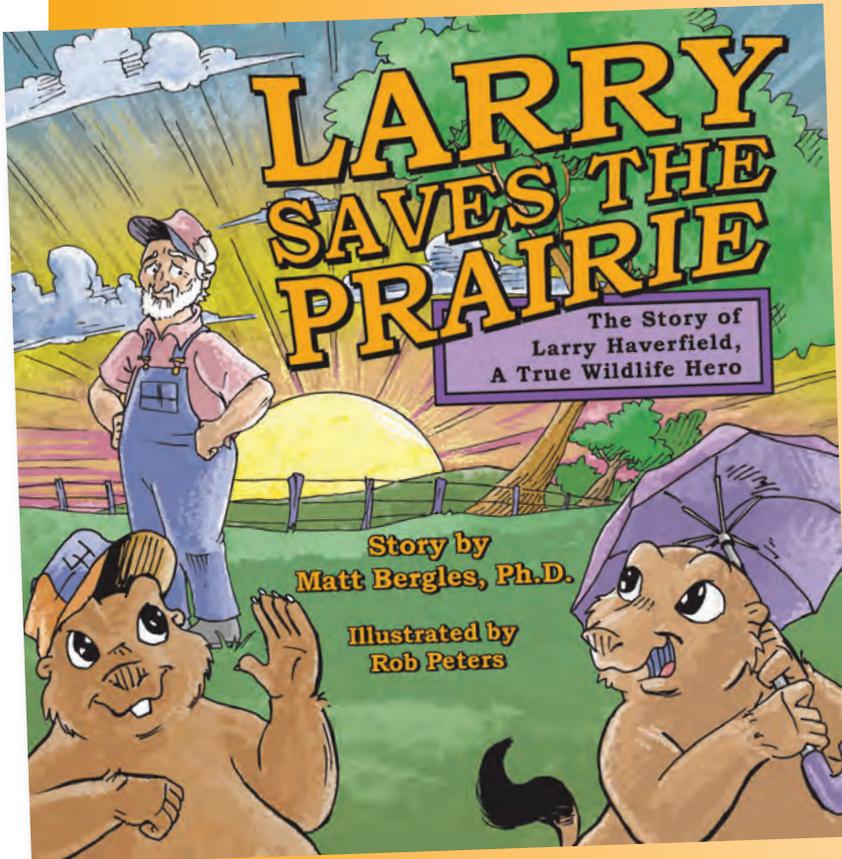


southern Africa, during a year of doctoral dissertation research on wildlife management and partnerships for collaborative conservation on private land. We visited ranches and farms, and he accompanied me as I interviewed a variety of stakeholders including landowners, farm workers, resettlement farmers, and organizations such as the Cheetah Conservation Fund. In many ways, this research reflects the passion we share for both conservation and the lives of rural people. Our travels in Namibia also form part of a larger journey, one in which we will continue to combine our efforts and work together toward common goals. I look forward to this future.



Ryan with landowners interested in wildlife management and conservation in Namibia.

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