

Murderous Mary and the Lucky One
Synopsis

Murderous Mary and the Lucky One is inspired by the stories of Murderous Mary, a circus elephant who in 1916 was hung for trampling to death a trainer, and the Lucky One which translates to Keiko in Japanese. Keiko was the orca whale who “starred” in the three Free Willy Movies. He became very ill in captivity, was nursed back to health and finally released back into the wild. But he had been in captivity too long and was not accepted by orcas in the wild and died a solitary death in a fjord in Norway.

Although the two stories takes place 80 years apart and tell the story of two very different animals, a connection between the two tales is found in man’s abuse of animals for entertainment purposes and the tragic outcomes that result. The two stories are woven together and make the case that the captivity of animals is against nature, cruel and that all forms of this practice should be stopped.