Sigourney Weaver stars as Dian Fossey, in this true story about Fossey's study of gorillas, and her efforts to stop the decimation of the endangered apes. Written by Ray Hamel. Plot Summary | Plot Synopsis. Dian did not try to convince Leakey to send her to Africa, nor did she volunteer to remove her appendix, quite the opposite: In 1966, Leakey contacted Fossey and urged her to study gorillas in the wild as an experiment. At first Fossey was reluctant citing her lack of experience, but eventually agreed upon further coercion. To test her enthusiasm Leakey asked Fossey to have her appendix removed in the pretense of health measures which she then did. See more ». Quotes. Dian Fossey: I need eight more Halloween masks - only red ones. ABOUT OUR COLLECTION OF STORIES Visitors, teachers, students, and MY HERO staff publish all kinds of stories, from inspirational essays about a close friend, to important global issues. Stories home. Directory. Excellent book that shows Dr. Fossey from the inside out. From: Ignacio | Date: 10/13/2004 9:44 AM. Es un muy buen libro. Gorillas in the Mist by Diane Fossey Dr. Paperback $14.44. In Stock. Ships from and sold by Amazon.com. FREE Shipping. Details. Gorillas in the Mist by Sigourney Weaver DVD $9.96. In Stock. Ships from and sold by Amazon.com. Now, one of the world's most respected naturalist writers draws for the first time ever on Dian Fossey's personal writings to reveal the true story of a magnificent obsession...one woman's enormous empathy for a highly intelligent, desperately endangered animal -- and how it ruled her life, her work, and her heart.