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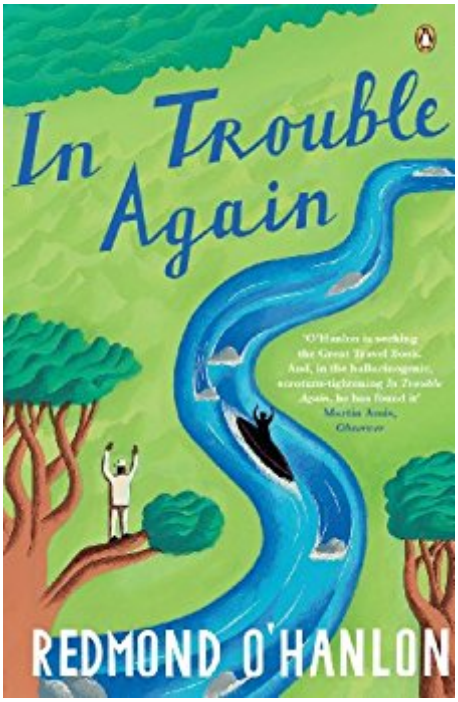

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Synopsis

Redmond O’Hanlon found few experienced adventurers willing to accompany him on his four-month trip up the Orinoco river and across the Basin. He wondered why... Was it perhaps the fear of contracting dysentery, rabies or river blindness? Or maybe it was a disinclination to meet peckish jaguars, vipers, anacondas and 640-volt electric eels? Surely it couldnâ ™t possibly be reluctance to swim among giant catfish, with their relatively harmless penchant for nipping off a personâ ™s feet? Fortunately, an old friend volunteered, having absolutely no idea what he was letting himself in for. But then Oâ ™Hanlon didnâ ™t have much idea either. How the intrepid ornithologist and his sidekick managed to survive some serious travelling trouble makes for gripping, and hilarious, reading.

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Customer Reviews

Redmond O’Hanlon is a good travel writer, bringing the reader into his canoe as he faces a torrent of dangers and unpleasant situations. His British humour is very well placed in presenting some of the absurb situations he gets himself into. Especially with Simon as his sidekick (which gives the

reader a somewhat normal view of things), the story is quite captivating.However, some of his descriptions and stories did leave me with the feeling that he may have augmented the danger of situations to make the story more interesting. He also blew up the stupidity of some characters, giving in to what sounds like basic stereotypes of indians and the fears white people have of indians.Overall, this is a decent book. If you are into travel, this is a nice adition. However, if you just want an intro to the through the eyes of an adventurer, there are better books, such as David Campbell's (1st person, more scientific pop writing with lyrical qualities) or Candice Millard's (old travel, relating Roosevelt's exploration in the).

I had just read Redmond's Borneo book upon the recommend of Richard Dawkins. The books were both gripping and funny and delightful, especially as a biologist and physician. I don't think I could tolerate the risk and discomfort that he describes...but I celebrate his hardship, zeal for exploration, and explanatory humor, erudition, and humanity.

My bad. I did receive book on time. I love this writer.

As advertised

If you like detailed descriptions of birds then you will love this book. If you don't then you have to sift through pages of descriptions before finding the story. When the story did sometimes appear I enjoyed it. The Yanomami tribe was very interesting however they are naturally, through choice, very out of touch with the world. I am sure they would have killed him if they knew he was a journalist/author as that lot are the most damaging to these lost tribes. Now everyone wants to go an experience something similar!!!!

My 89-year old Mother chose this for our ladies' book club this month. Not on tape, unfortunately, for the younger generation who love tolisten while they commute. Some readers are finding it over the top bawdy; the rest of us are laughing out loud and enjoying every minute!

A true adventurer suffering hunger, bugs, and more, glad I was reading this in my comfortable armchair at home. I've been in some of these countries, but never far off the tourist trail (though pretty deep into rainforests on natural history trips). But never this far in, and so interested to learn how the natives manage to survive in this unforgiving environment

I really enjoyed O'Hanlons book on Borneo & enjoyed his easy-going, humorous writing style & this book did not disappoint. The characters he traveled with keep the story interesting from the human aspect. As a naturalist, he names many bird species I couldnt help but google. I also enjoy how he's not afraid to name the faults of not only his travel companions, but his own. If you like travel/adventure books (as I seem to be addicted to) this is a good one to check out.

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