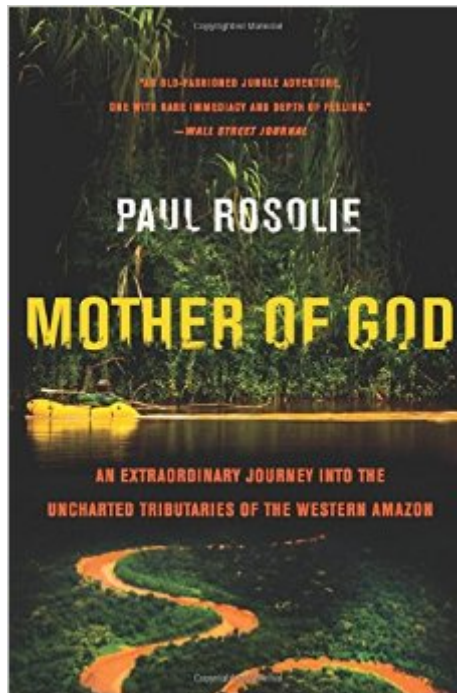


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Mother Of God: An Extraordinary Journey Into The Uncharted Tributaries Of The Western



Synopsis

For fans of *The Lost City of Z*, *Walking the Line*, and *Turn Right at Machu Picchu* comes naturalist and explorer Paul Rosolie's extraordinary adventure in the uncharted tributaries of the Western Amazon—a tale of discovery that vividly captures the awe, beauty, and isolation of this endangered land and presents an impassioned call to save it. In the Madre de Dios "Mother of God" region of Peru, where the Amazon River begins its massive flow, the Andean Mountain cloud forests fall into lowland Rainforest, creating the most biodiversity-rich place on the planet. In January 2006, when he was just a restless eighteen-year-old hungry for adventure, Paul Rosolie embarked on a journey to the west that would transform his life. Venturing alone into some of the most inaccessible reaches of the jungle, he encountered giant snakes, floating forests, isolated tribes untouched by outsiders, prowling jaguars, orphaned baby anteaters, poachers in the black market trade in endangered species, and much more. Yet today, the primordial forests of the Madre de Dios are in danger from developers, oil giants, and gold miners eager to exploit its natural resources. In *Mother of God*, this explorer and conservationist relives his amazing odyssey exploring the heart of this wildest place on earth. When he began delving deeper in his search for the secret Eden, spending extended periods in isolated solitude, he found things he never imagined could exist. "Alone and miniscule against a titanic landscape I have seen the depths of the Amazon, the guts of the jungle where no men go," Rosolie writes. "But as the legendary explorer Percy Fawcett warned, 'the few remaining unknown places of the world exact a price for their secrets.'" •Illustrated with 16 pages of color photos.

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Customer Reviews

The first thing I need to say about Rosolie's incredible book is that I'm profoundly glad I didn't allow myself to be turned off by the title. Admittedly, the subtitle, "An Extraordinary Journey into the Uncharted Tributaries of the Western " casts a different light on the author's topic. But still, if anyone is expecting a fairly traditional theological or spiritual treatise, they will be very far from the mark. Actually, what Paul Rosolie describes, in brilliant and gripping detail, is his immersion in the incredible world of the Madre de Dios region of the Peruvian jungle. All of the usual superlative adjectives - amazing, epic, magnificent, heart-breaking, terrifying, astonishing - even the more vernacular ones like "mind-blowing" and "awesome" - can be applied to this book without in any way overstating its impact. I have to confess to a tendency in my own mind to keep thinking, "NO WAY!" No way that these incredible adventures can have actually happened; no way that, beginning as a dyslexic 18-year-old, the author could, in seven short years, have lived or experienced so much and rendered the description in such vivid terms. And yet, this is a true-life adventure, verifiable from other current sources if one needs the verification. This is real and vital and stunningly important. In his introduction, Rosolie admits that his story sounds more like fiction - fantasy fiction at that - than fact. He also states that he was careful to avoid his book becoming a scientific text or historical summary of the , but none-the-less he weaves in an astonishing amount of detailed information of great scientific, historical, ecological and sociological value.

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