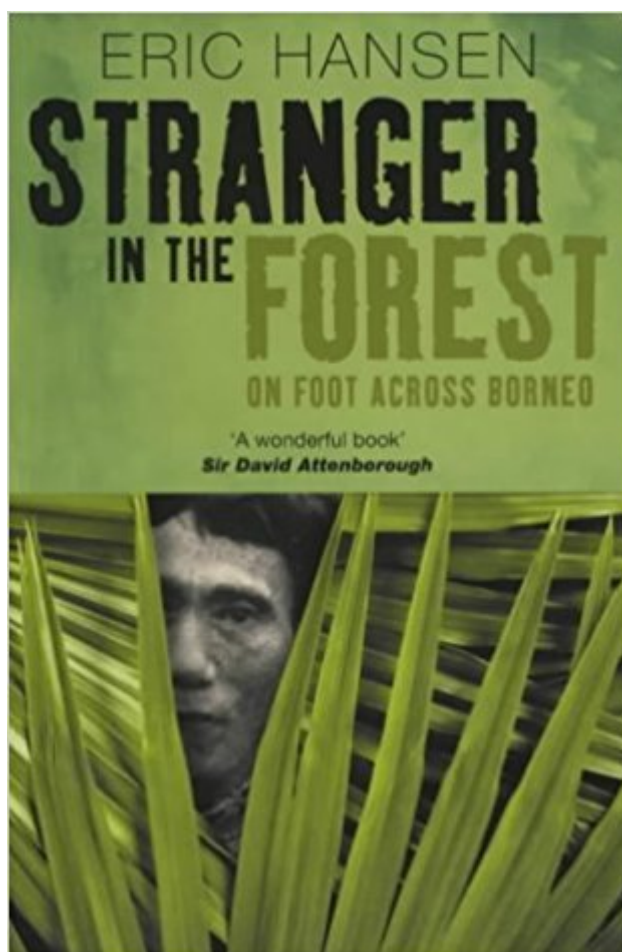




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Stranger In The Forest: On Foot Across Borneo (Methuen Non-fiction)



Synopsis

The humorous story of the author's travels in Borneo where he made lifelong friends with the Penan, jungle people who can catch fish with their feet, imitate the cry of the elusive barking deer, and survive in a fearsomely inhospitable environment. With their help Hansen learned to hunt pigs, danced in the tribal rituals, discovered the eyewatering nature of Penan sex aids and was given the ceremonial name "Rajah Kumis": King of the Moustache. He conveys how he came face to face with himself in the patch of map marked "unsurveyed", and records the experience of living in a proud and ancient tribal community based on mutual respect.

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In 1982, Hansen ventured into the rain forest of Borneo, walking for four months and 1500 miles, foraging for food and trade goods. "His return journey was hair-raising for natives were suspicious of a lone traveler, and . . . believed that he was an evil spirit. This is first-rate adventure," declared PW. Photos. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

One of my favorite travel adventure books... one of my top recommends to friends who love exotic travel or anthropology or have an interest in the rainforest/SE Asia. Hansen is a terrific writer; although he's not funny like Tim Cahill, his simple yet descriptive prose draws you in so that you feel as if you are trekking across Borneo with him. His experiences while traveling with 3 Borneo natives

(enjoying barbequed giant grubs and scorpions, finding that after a few days his eyes adjust to the darkness below the forest canopy and he gradually begins to see colors he's never seen before) are so compelling that I found I was unable to put the book down once I began reading it. Intrigue, mystery and danger abound as author Hansen finds his Western culture colliding dangerously with the myths of a tribe's culture. This section actually had my heart pounding... a few friends who've read the book had the same experience. It was real life scary! Since it's out of print, try to find a copy. I bought a used copy at a library sale and made my friend promise to return the gift to me if she ever decides she doesn't want it! A must read for travel adventure enthusiasts.

Eric Hansen is one of the most insightful, sensitive travel writers I've encountered. This book is a delightful window on the world of forest nomads in the jungle of Borneo. Hansen captures their incredible lifestyles that tie them to so intimately to the land but never lets you forget that they are modern human beings, as sophisticated and brilliant at moving through their world as any from what some might call the "civilized" world. As he travels with them, he is like a child in their world and his respect for and dependence on them is evident as they teach him how to survive their jungle.

I love travel and adventure. This is an amazing account of travel on the third largest island on earth. Can you guess what island that is? Well it's Borneo! Fascinating!

What a WONDERFUL BOOK! this should be on everyones top 10 lists makes you think about NOT buying those next exotic wood chairs.... Eric has such a marvelous way of making you live the jungle and its rhythm....I was sad when the book ended....it was better than Motoring with Mohamed.... wish he would write MANY MORE books a gifted writer and free spirit.... love this book

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