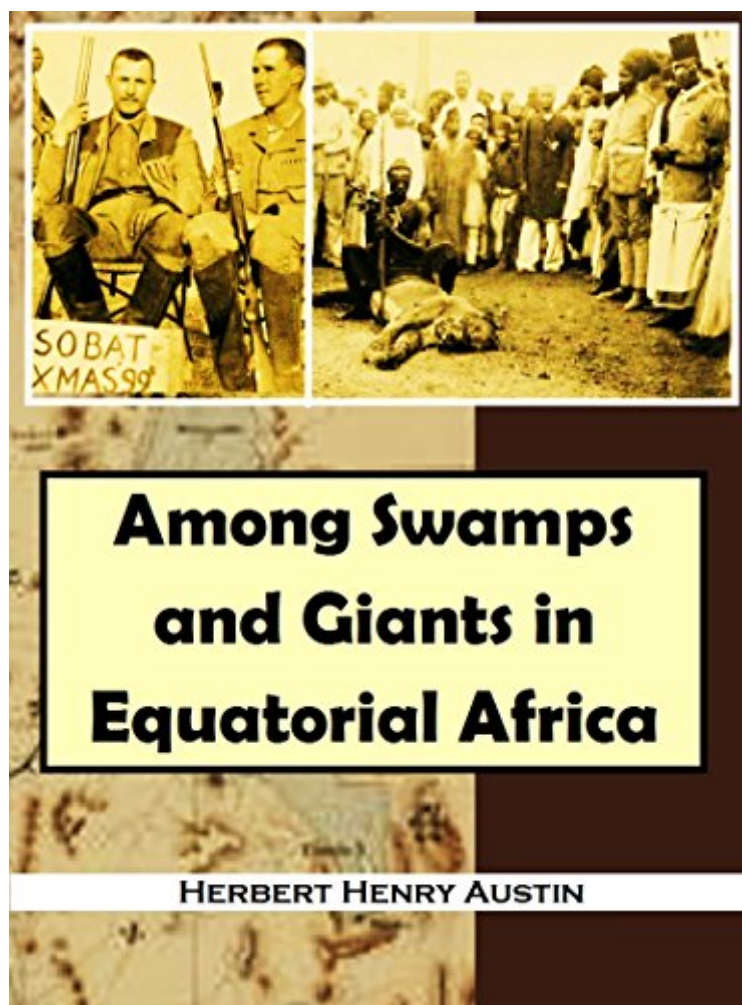




The book was found

Among Swamps And Giants In Equatorial Africa: An Account Of Surveys And Adventures In The Southern Sudan And British East Africa (1902)





Synopsis

Major H. H. Austin, 1868 was a British military officer who served in India and Uganda and conducted two survey expeditions along the western borders of Abyssinia during 1899-1901. This book is the author's narrative of these two expeditions in which the author engaged in much big game hunting which he describes (including bagging the lion, elephant, cranes, hippo, antelope, crocodile, python, kob, turkey, duck, pelican, waterbuck, geese, buffalo, hartebeeste, Omdurman mules, zebra, oryx, gazelle, vulture and others). The first expedition which occupies five chapters, is about a survey of the Sabat region. Accompanied by another Engineer Officer, Major Bright, the expedition left Omdurman on December 2, 1899, by steamer up the Blue Nile and the Sabat River, landing at Dom Palm Tree Camp, between Sabat and Nasser forts. Here the expedition commenced its journey through forests full of game of every description, fording streams teeming with hippos, and amongst the Nuers and the Anuaks—whose habits, customs, and industries are fully described. Later it found itself among the Gallas and Abyssinians. The steep climb to the plateau proved very fatal to the transport animals; but abundance of food was obtainable. Continuing along the Gelo, the country round which is barren and inhospitable, with no animal life but the loathsome crocodiles, they reached the Pibor on May 22, and got back to Omdurman on July 7, where the party broke up. Austin was a strict disciplinarian, having one of his men executed for butchering a mule to eat. The second part, consisting of 18 chapters, deals with another expedition through the Sudan to Mombasa via Lake Rudolf. This was on a greater scale than the previous one, had an escort of 20 non-commissioned officers of the 10th Sudanese under a native officer, Mabruk Effendi, Major Bright, and Dr. John Garner, with 4 personal servants, 32 Jehadia, 15 camels, 12 mules, and 125 donkeys, and reached Nasser Post on January 12. After leaving which, they were cut off from all communication with the outer world until they reached Baringo Post in East Africa in August, 1901, after undergoing most horrible and distressing experience, especially among hordes of hostile Turkana, who are veritable giants in stature. The author says: "I have toned down several harrowing details which found a place in my diary during periods of hazard and anxiety, when our prospects seemed hopeless. ... I and my two comrades barely escaped with our lives, and of the fifty-nine Sudanese only fourteen reached safety with us." This volume can be cordially recommended to the attention of African safari readers. About the author: Entered army, 1887; Captain, 1897; in India on trans-frontier surveys on Kabul River and Zhob Valley Railway surveys, 1890-91; assisted in preliminary survey for Uganda Railway, 1891-92; served Waziristan Expedition, 1894-95 (medal with clasp); Uganda, 1897-98 (brevet of Major, 3rd class Brilliant Star Zanzibar, D.S.O., medal with two clasps); conducted two survey expeditions along the western

borders of Abyssinia during 1899-1901. CONTENTS PART I SURVEY OF THE SOBAT REGION
OCTOBER 1899 – JULY 1900 I. From Cairo To The Pibor II. A Tramp Through Ashes III.
Scaling Steep Heights IV. A Tropical Torrent V. Caught Among Swamps PART II OMDURMAN TO
MOMBASA VIA LAKE RUDOLF NOVEMBER 1900 – OCTOBER 1901 The Uganda Railway I.
Where Gordon Died II. By Double Stages III. Among Mosquitoes IV. In Pleasant Paths V. Dry Wells
And Drought VI. Elephants And Locusts VII. Familiar Landmarks VIII In Quest Of Food IX. Dogged
By Giant Natives X. The Hostile Turkana XI. On Donkey Diet XII. Thieves In The Camp XIII. No
Man's Land XIV. A Treacherous Guide XV. Disease And Death XVI. Safe At Last! XVII. Friendly
Faces XVIII. Homeward Bound Originally published in 1902, reformatted for Kindle; occasional
defect may occur from reformatting.

Book Information

File Size: 1791 KB

Print Length: 440 pages

Simultaneous Device Usage: Unlimited

Publication Date: May 29, 2015

Sold by: Amazon Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B00YJXIQFA

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #1,090,919 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #15

in Books > Travel > Africa > Sudan #38 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction >

Travel > Africa > North #105 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Travel > Africa >
East

Customer Reviews

Not much hunting in it. Mostly a fight against hunger, thirst and sickness.

Interesting , diary type of reading.

First off a comment on the Kessinger Library Reprint edition of this book. Several pages were missed and replaced with duplicate pages, namely page 171 transitions into repeat of pages 164-167 before jumping suddenly to page 177, entirely omitting pages 172-176. I had to find a digital online scan of the book to be able to read these pages. Furthermore, as expected, the quality of the scanned photos left something to be desired. so my rating of the KLR edition is 2/5 for these reasons. Speaking of the work itself it was somewhat of a slow read, with long stretches of mundane details interspersed with occasional exciting adventures. Still, amongst similar works I have read this one stands out for the amount of death amongst the party which testifies to the hardships they endured. 3.5/5 stars.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Among Swamps and Giants in Equatorial Africa: An Account of Surveys and Adventures in the Southern Sudan and British East Africa (1902) Southern Cooking: Southern Cooking Cookbook - Southern Cooking Recipes - Southern Cooking Cookbooks - Southern Cooking for Thanksgiving - Southern Cooking Recipes - Southern Cooking Cookbook Recipes African Safari: Big Game Hunting in British East Africa, the Sudan, and Portuguese East Africa (1908) (Linked Table of Contents) Through Masai Land: a Journey of Exploration Among the Snowclad Volcanic Mountains and Strange Tribes of Eastern Equatorial Africa (1887) Southern Cooking: for beginners - Simple Southern Food Recipes - Old South Recipes (Southern Food - Southern Meals - Southern Recipes - Soul Food - American Cuisine Book 1) Fundamental Algebraic Geometry (Mathematical Surveys and Monographs) (Mathematical Surveys and Monographs Series (Sep. Title P) Commercial Ship Surveying: On/Off Hire Condition Surveys and Bunker Surveys British & Empire Campaign Medals - Volume 1: 1793 to 1902 (British & Irish/Empire Campaign Medals) Explorations and Adventures in Equatorial Africa Land and peoples of the Kasai;: Being a narrative of a two years' journey among the cannibals of the equatorial forest and other savage tribes of the south-western Congo Boer Guerrilla vs British Mounted Soldier: South Africa 1880-1902 (Combat) Life in and around freshwater wetlands;: A handbook of plant and animal life in and around marshes, bogs, and swamps of temperate North America east of the Mississippi, Conflicts Over Land & Water in Africa: Cameroon, Ghana, Burkina Faso, West Africa, Sudan, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania The Mark of the Golden Dragon: Being an Account of the Further Adventures of Jacky Faber, Jewel of the East, Vexation of the West, and Pearl of the South China Sea (Bloody Jack Adventures Book 9) The Mark of the Golden Dragon: Being an Account of the Further Adventures of Jacky Faber, Jewel of the East, Vexation of the West (Bloody Jack Adventures) Societies After Slavery: A Select

Annotated Bibliography of Printed Sources on Cuba, Brazil, British Colonial Africa, South Africa, and the British West Indies (Pitt Latin American Series) Learning from the Giants: Life and Leadership Lessons from the Bible (Giants of the Bible) Negotiating with Giants: Get What You Want Against the Odds Negotiating with Giants British and Empire Campaign Medals: V. 1: 1793 to 1902 In wildest Africa: the record of hunting and exploration trip through Uganda, Victoria Nyanza, the Kilimanjaro region and British East Africa ...

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)