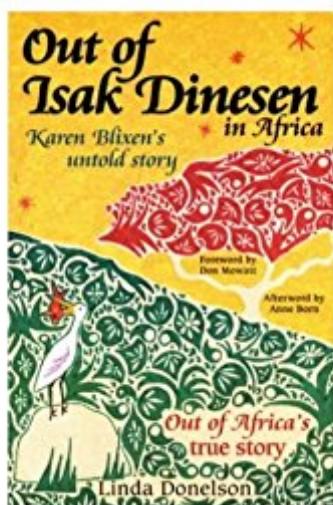


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# Out Of Isak Dinesen In Africa: Karen Blixen's Untold Story



## **Synopsis**

This award-winning biography describes the true events behind the story "Out of Africa". The lyrical story recounts the struggles and romances of Danish Baroness Karen Blixen on a coffee farm in Kenya. "an absorbing read that will grab readers whether or not they are familiar with 'Out of Africa'"--Publishers Weekly

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## **Customer Reviews**

An excellent well-researched biography of Karen Blixen aka Isak Dinesen; the acclaimed Danish writer. I have read other biographies of this lady and also her own poetic story called 'Out of Africa'. The movie 'Out of Africa' was just as memorable but neither entirely accurate. However Linda Donelson corrects these mysteries and shines a strong light on the rest of the long and troubled life of Karen Blixen after she returned to Denmark, her writings and her many friendships. I recommend people also read "Too Close to the Sun", the biography of English born aristocrat, Denys Finch Hatton, Karen's lover in Africa. A brilliant star-crossed love story of two remarkable people.

This is amazing information into the life of one who figures so predominate in the social history of Colonial Kenya. We lived there for 20 years and knew much of the story and were there for the

making of OUT OF AFRICA Linda D has done a great masterpiece for better understanding of the world in which Karen lived. We are so glad to have this information, it makes the whole story more interesting. Thank You David and Darlene

Review of Linda Donalsen, "Out of Isak Dineson" If you loved Isak Dineson's (Karen Blixen) 'Out of Africa' this book by Linda Donalsen is an essential read. Not only is it beautifully and engagingly written but it describes the setting and the era superbly. The reader learns about the different lives of the aristocracy and middle class, the Danish, the English and the different African tribes and the development of the city of Nairobi. The setting just before and after World War 1 and its effects on East Africa are very interesting. The African landscape and climate and the differences between the coastal climate and the mountains, the vegetation and animal life are vividly drawn with just enough detail to excite the reader's senses and never ventures to the tedious. Donalsen also draws and fills out the characters in Karen Blixen's life with a superb elaboration of Karen Blixen herself.

I loved this book, I was able to settle in and it was like watching a better movie than Out of Africa (Donelson does refer to the movie so it's good to watch it first!). It felt really well researched, including from the health angle. It's very complete, I felt I knew my idol much better, and her relationship with Denys Finch Hatton is described with much depth and maturity. This book is a must for anyone wishing to learn more about Isak Dinesen.

This account of Karen Blixen's life is absolutely the best biographical study that I have come across. I have held a fascination for her life, most especially the Kenya years, and, true romantic that I am, her love for Denys. This portrait of Karen, scars, warts and all deserves my profound thanks and great appreciation.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Fascinating look at the life of Karen Blixen. Quite riveting. Her life was full of ups and downs.

any biography of Karen Blixen as she became has to explore in depth a complex being, a romantic storyteller who examined her own life and experiences with curiosity and, sometimes lack of self tolerance disguised as objectivity. There is much, much more to tell than a romance between Robert Redford and Meryl Streep, admirable as both are, in splendid costumes amongst splendid scenery and a splendid music scoring in the film adapted from her famed Out of Africa.. If you want to get

close to some of the truth beyond the movie this unmissable book will be a faithful gunbearer on a prickly safarilan D. Shaw

Loved this real biography -- also loved the romanticized movie. I think they go together extremely well and would recommend BOTH to those interested in Karen Blixen.

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