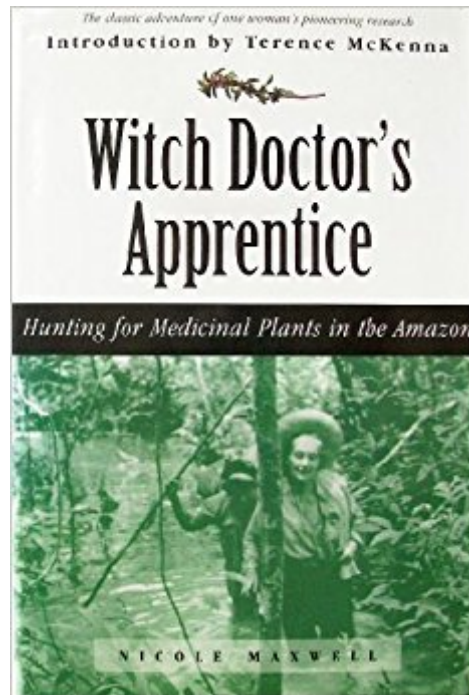




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Witch Doctor's Apprentice: Hunting For Medicinal Plants In The



Synopsis

When Nicole Maxwell first visited the more than forty years ago, she had no idea that she would make a life's work of the people, plants and lore to be found there. Decades before Americans became aware of the riches to be found in the knowledge of plant medicines which native shamans had passed down over thousands of years, Ms. Maxwell, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, was scouring the rain forest for clues to this ancient medical tradition. Now, on the eve of the decade in which mankind will have its last chance to determine the fate of this region and its wealth of traditional knowledge, Citadel Press's Library of the Mystic Arts is proud to bring out a newly revised edition of this classic work. Long hailed as one of the major works of popular ethno-medicine, this book is both an engaging adventure story and an engrossing account of the traditions of plant medicine to be found among the tribes of Borneo -- and its re-release could not be more timely. Scientists now fear that one plant species per day is being made extinct by man's ravenous appetite for "progress". Of the plants which are found only in the rain forest, only a tiny percentage have been tested for their full medical possibilities. *Witch-Doctor's Apprentice* is an inspiring and amusing plea to modern civilization to save these plants -- and the people who know how to use them -- before they are destroyed forever. On the occasion of this newly revised edition, Ms. Maxwell has created an appendix which catalogs all of the plants mentioned in the text, with their scientific names, the names by which they are known locally, and their medicinal uses. This edition also includes a new introduction by the noted ethno-botanist Terence McKenna. "A spirited and engrossing personal narrative, as much about people and places, discomforts and dangers, the beauty of the jungle and the arc-leap of wordless communication across cultural barriers, as it is about... bringing nature -- This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This memoir of travels in the has an agreeable twist: Nicole Maxwell was hunting for medicinal plants with the triple goal of conserving the jungle, improving the lot of humanity and having a great deal of fun. Her tales span countries and decades, as we watch her mature from an enthusiastic if somewhat naive idealist to a true trouper. Despite setbacks and disillusionment, she never lost sight of her goal, and lived to see others pick up the task of cultivating important medicinal plants and knowledge, and further her cause of preserving the jungle through wiser use. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Very happy

This is a book I lost years ago and have been looking for it recently. I didn't know it had been reprinted and was so pleased to find it again. The author spent many years in the jungle finding and researching medicinal plants - first for drug companies and then on her own. To read about plants and herbs that do so much for health problems is fascinating. It is too bad that the drug companies lost interest, but the plants were in direct competition with their own drugs. I wish we could use them. I am sure side effects would be much less. Carol Bess

Ms. Maxwell gives a fascinating account of her efforts to collect medicinal plants -with their native cultural lore - in the 1940's. It gives an interesting, honest view of the basin scene at that time, and the changes that were already occurring because of first world incursions.

Fast shipment and product as described. Thanks!

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Good book, quite accurate from my experience of growing up in the Peruvian jungle.

I love this book!

she has a great attitude and reading her book was a joy, I wish she had written more books. fun read and look into the past

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