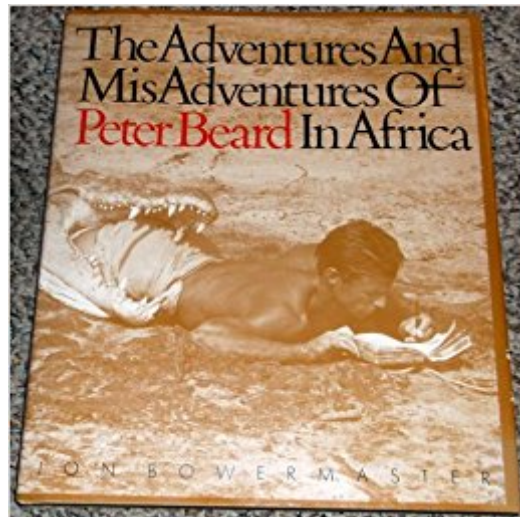




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The extraordinary story of photographer Peter Beard's life in Africa--the remarkable saga of a lone artist's audacious and fiercely idiosyncratic response to the devastation of African wildlife. 170 photos, 20 in color.

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Customer Reviews

Beard is a self-described "remittance chum," a fellow who lives on trust fund income. He is also a respected photographer, both of African wildlife (*End of the Game* , LJ 2/15/89) and beautiful models (he is the ex-husband of Cheryl Tiegs). Bowermaster describes Beard's experiences during 30 years in Africa, including times spent as a paid hunter, artist, Karen Blixen fan, eccentric, landowner, playboy, brief prison inmate, and, most recently, father. Though schooled in art, Beard would also like to be known as a person who understands wildlife management. Opposing the strict preservationists, he supports the "cull the herd" viewpoint, but he is also convinced that the real problem is human population growth and the resulting inevitable wildlife/human competition for resources. The photos were not seen, but given beard's reputation, they should be impressive. An interesting addition to biography or Africa collections.- Nancy Moeckel, Miami Univ. Libs., Oxford, OhioCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Well it was a bit disappointing as it was not exactly as described. I wanted to see more of his notebook pages rather than hear about his exploits.

this coffee table book arrived without its paper cover

This book opened the door to a family trip to Africa which he had wanted to make years back, but had no idea what to expect. Bread's book provided that background and stimulated the entire family's interest. The book was much more than just a good read. It was a constant companion on their trip this past June and was consulted constantly. The book became another member of the family.

"The Adventures and Misadventures of Peter Beard in Africa" is a spectacular look at the life of this well-known photographer and author. The writing is vivid and fascinating. The book is also illustrated throughout with Mr. Beard's excellent photographs. This book is a history lesson, ecology lesson, and art lesson all rolled up in one book, and is well worth reading. A real gem, about an amazing personality!

Peter Beard has not gotten wiser in his old age. He has given into his vices and chosen the superficial payoffs over any morals. He has found no escape from his aimlessness, no direction from his chaotic meanderings. Where has this man ever really gone? Why has he become so tragic? This book reveals the illusion of greatness, the anticipation of accomplishment. But sadly, decades later, we see how withered and little this man has become. One wonders, was he ever even exceptional? He seemed fearless and passionate. Now, he just seems fatally emphatic and senseless. He is like a machine grinding to a halt.

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