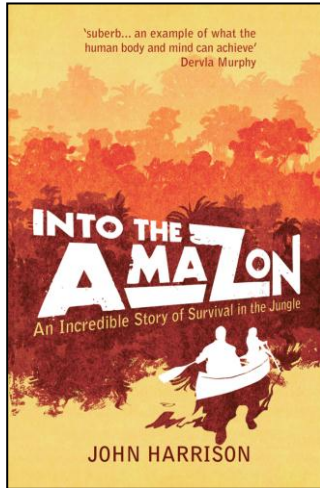


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Inspired by the diary of missing explorer from the 1950's a couple go off the map in the Amazonian jungle without a single piece of technology to help

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The last time John Harrison ventured into the jungle a member of his group died.
This time he brought his wife!



INTO THE AMAZON

An incredible story of survival in the jungle
JOHN HARRISON

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'John! Wake up!' 'Mmm, ugh . . . what?' 'Wake up! What's that animal?' Heather's anxious whisper and the shaking of my hammock finally brought me back from a lovely dream. It was too dark to see a thing, but footsteps crunched nearer, heavy yet stealthy, already less than thirty yards away. . . I reached down for the torch under my hammock as the creature halted fifteen yards away, sniffing the air loudly. 'It might be a jaguar,' I said, trying to quieten the quickening of my breath. 'Let's have a look.' The beam was answered by a flash of eyes, startlingly near, glowing like the headlights of an approaching car: I expect our jaws dropped and we gasped profanity and awe. It was hard to unlock our gaze and shift the torch to one side for a flank of spotted gold to confirm our fears. The jaguar watched us with calm intensity.

Cut off from civilisation, the Guiana Highlands that border Brazil are one of the least known regions on earth, until recently believed to be the location of El Dorado and the fabled tribe of Amazon warrior women.

Inspired by young French explorer Raymond Maufrais, who went missing in the area in 1950, adventurer **John Harrison** and his wife Heather retrace his journey into the Amazon, with only a canoe and a shotgun for company.

Unaided and off the map, they encounter jaguars and poisonous frogs, are threatened by malaria and almost lose their way entirely. This is an incredible story of a couple's gruelling survival in the Amazonian wild.

'A fine and funny book that will be relished by anyone who has dreamt of disappearing into the rainforest...' Anthony Sattin, **THE SUNDAY TIMES**

John Harrison's first book, *Up the Creek: An Amazon Adventure*, was described as 'an admirable book by an admirable man' in the *Daily Telegraph* and a *National Geographic* documentary was made about him in 1991. John is based in Bristol and is a seasoned motivational speaker and has given over 200 lectures in the last 25 years.

'suberb... an example of what the human body and mind can achieve' Dervla Murphy

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