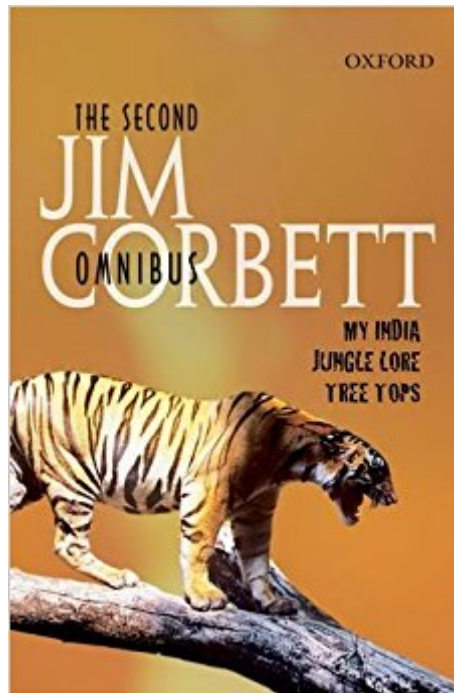




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Synopsis

This set of three volumes, written by a famous big game hunter, relates his adventures in India and Africa. Corbett depicts the savage beauty of Kenya's wildlife as well as his encounters with the villages of the Kumaon Hills, and the customs and lifestyles of the people there.

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Customer Reviews

Jim Corbett is a renowned shikari.

A man among men, Jim Corbett is a type of man I never knew existed, few and far between. These stories, humbly begun for fundraising because he did not think them at all extraordinary, are beyond extraordinary. He recommends reading My India and Jungle Lore before all the hunting stories so that the reader will understand his life and how he came to learn the call of every bird in the jungle. These are not hunting stories as you would imagine them to be. He is among the first environmentalist, conservationist wildlife preservers long before our era and should be read for that alone. He did not preserve tigers and leopards from a safe suburban distance, but while walking the jungles barefoot and sleeping within yards of them every night of his life. He had strict rules about hunting and only went where man-eaters were terrorizing villages. His respect for the people of India is beautiful. Born and raised in the Indian jungle he is unpretentious even in his amazing skill and command of his senses. This should be a mandatory read for everyone who can read English.

I fell in love with Jim Corbett's extraordinary life with "Man-Eaters of Kumaon," his first and most

famous book--and who couldn't? The breathtaking and near-unbelievable experiences of one of the greatest sportsmen to ever live would captivate anybody. But it was clear, from the very first page, that despite his career as a hunter of man-eating tigers, Jim Corbett was deeply and madly in love with India and all the beauty and majesty she contained. These are his stories, a deeply touching and personal look into the less-known Corbett--the doctor, the builder, the railway engineer, the bird-watcher, the little boy who wandered the jungles barefoot with a bow-and-pellet. "My India" describes some of the extraordinary people and stories Corbett encountered during his time in India. "Jungle Lore" is equal parts autobiography and school primer, as Corbett gives us a taste of his vast store of knowledge of the forest and its denizens. "Tree Tops," Corbett's last story, chronicles Queen (then Princess) Elizabeth's visit to Africa and her experiences there. These stories may have fewer man-eating tigers than is usual for Corbett, but they are no less fascinating; near-death experiences and fantastic tales abound, as do accounts of extraordinary human loyalty, bravery, and kindness. When I read "Man-Eaters of Kumaon" and "The Temple Tiger," I fell in love with Jim Corbett the hunter, the sportsman, the perfect shot. In the three stories in this omnibus, I fell in love all over again with Jim Corbett the ultimate gentleman, the healer, the man with unshakeable principles, remarkable humility, and an apparently magnetic attraction to danger, who raised baby deer in his tent and stopped a charging boar with his outstretched palm. Every one of these stories are true. And every one is wonderful.

Inimitable Corbett tells of his formative years in Jungle Lore, his experiences and views about rural (North) Indian life in anecdotal My India and stories of his later days in Africa in Tree Tops. Jungle Lore is a captivating series of glimpses of life and language of the Indian jungle(forest) through the eyes of curious boy who is enchanted by it and grows up to know and feel deeply about it. It's a unique combination of adventure stories for through the eyes of a young boy and a stories of the forest through the keen eyes of an immensely experienced hunter. My India is a story on people in rural North India seen through the eyes of a compassionate Englishman (in the colonial period) who lived among them and shared their joys and griefs. It's a fascinating insight into the lifestyle and psychology of common people in Indian villages. It's also a story of a human bond transcending race and religion and culture. Tree Tops is a short book on his experiences in his later life when he moved to Africa. It famously includes the story of Elizabeth 2 succeeding her father while visiting the Tree Tops hotel "a young girl climbed into a tree one day a Princess and ... she climbed down from the tree next day a Queen" (by the way, she is still the queen to this day ... can you imagine!).

Outstanding book. I was very excited to see this second volume of Jim Corbett's writings. I only wish he had written more. The jacket is very nice and I love having the books in hardback. I am always taken away by his writing and find that while I enjoy his tales of hunting the man-eaters (volume 1), that in some ways, I enjoy this volume and it's tales of the people of India as much as those other adventures. Each of these two volumes are in a place of excellence on my bookshelf.

A great book. It doesn't get any more real than that. Breath taking moments. Spine tingling excitement. Real life action.

Read the first omnibus before you read this one. This one has more of the indian culture and Jims career outside of hunting in India. The first Omnibus had more exciting Hunting stories. Read the first Omnibus to gain respect for Jims skill and cunning, read this one to gain Jims kind hardheartedness, work ethic, and love for the outdoors and all those around him.

Fascinating hunting stories. They will make your hair stand on end!

Riveting, excellently written. Every story has something new to learn from.

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