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Insight Guide Amazon Wildlife

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An illustrated guide to the region, its wildlife and conservation by an international team of biologists and photographers. It covers biogeography, habitats, animal groups and conservation problems in a series of short essays. Several chapters are devoted to the people of the region and to a country-by-country survey of the river's features. It also includes some practical travel information and a short checklist of mammals and birds. (Item no. AMZ03)

Redmond O'Hanlon

In Trouble Again, A Journey Between the Orinoco and the Amazon

1990, PAPER, 272 PAGES, \$13.95

O'Hanlon starts this impossibly witty account of a four-month journey into the Venezuelan Amazon with a litany of the insects, protozoa, snakes and predators that can do you harm. A comic masterpiece, the book is also noteworthy for its excellent descriptions of the wildlife, environment and peoples of the Amazon. Imagine a PBS documentary hosted by the Monty Python troupe. (Item no. AMZ04)

Adrian Forsyth, Ken Miyata

Tropical Nature

1984, PAPER, 248 PAGES, \$14.00

A lively, lucid portrait of the rain forest as seen by two uncommonly observant and thoughtful field biologists. Its 17 marvelous essays introduce the habitats, ecology, plants and animals of the Central and South American rain forest. With a lengthy appendix of practical advice for the tropical traveler. (Item no. GPS13)

Joseph Page

The Brazilians

1996, PAPER, 540 PAGES, \$22.95

A clear and compelling introduction to the country, covering politics, history, economics, culture, and character. The turmoil and ecological destruction in the Amazon basin is discussed in one of the many thought-provoking chapters. (Item no. AMZ16)

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John Walden, M.D.

Jungle Travel and Survival

2001, PAPER, 198 PAGES, \$18.95

Medical doctor and frequent Amazon-traveler Walden provides useful advice on avoiding malaria, parasites, poisonous and dangerous animals, dehydration and much more in this compact guide. (Item no. AMZ73)

John Coningham

Walking the Jungle, An Adventurer's Guide to the Amazon

2003, PAPER, 246 PAGES, \$16.95

Coningham, an experienced outdoorsman who lives in the Brazilian Amazon, offer down-to-earth advice in this companionable guide. (Item no. AMZ83)

Patrick Tierney

Darkness in El Dorado, How Scientists and Journalists Devastated the Amazon

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Claude Levi-Strauss

Saudades Do Brasil, A Photographic Memoir

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Robert M. Levine, John J. Crocitti

The Brazil Reader: History, Culture, Politics

1999, PAPER, 525 PAGES, \$25.95

Diverse letters, interviews and other documents from early colonization to contemporary literature, this book is an excellent overview of the history and culture of Brazil. (Item no. BZL12)

Andrew Revkin

The Burning Season: The Murder of Chico Mendes and the Fight for the Amazon Rain Forest

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Nigel J.H. Smith

The Enchanted Amazon Rain Forest, Stories from a Vanishing World

1996, HARD COVER, 208 PAGES, \$29.95

A wonderfully presented collection of observations from the Amazon, this is a good introduction to the people, culture and geography of the rain forest. (Item no. AMZ26)

Claude Levi-Strauss, John Weightman, Doreen Weightman

Tristes Tropiques

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The classic, insightful account of the peoples of the Amazon by the inventor of structural anthropology. A demanding read, yet humorous and worthwhile. (Item no. AMZ14)

Peter Fleming

Brazilian Adventure

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One River, Explorations and Discoveries in the Amazon

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Alex Webb

Amazon, from the Floodplains to the Clouds

1997, HARD COVER, 144 PAGES, \$60.00

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Michael Goulding

Amazon: Floods of Fortune

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A masterful survey of the people, culture, ecology and economy of the Amazon flood plain, a threatened yet slightly overlooked (compared with upland rain forests) wetland. (Item no. AMZ06)

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2005, PAPER, 312 PAGES, \$19.95

An ornithologist and veteran leader of birding expeditions, Hilty serves up short essays on how to find and better appreciate the dizzying variety of neotropical birds, their habits and habitats, diversity and distribution in this favorite book. This is not a field guide but rather a natural history and an introduction to antbirds, flycatchers, manikins and other typical bird families. With lovely pencil illustrations by Mimi Hoppe Wolfe. (Item no. CAM39)

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In Amazonia, A Natural History

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The Smithsonian Atlas of the Amazon

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Steven Hilty, Guy Tudor, J.A. Gwynne

A Guide to the Birds of Venezuela

2002, PAPER, 929 PAGES, \$57.50

The classic South American bird guide, revised and expanded by Steve Hilty. A bit hefty for a field guide at just over 4 pounds, but still an essential reference to over 1,400 bird species. Travelers in the Brazilian Amazon will find it especially useful. (Item no. FG13)

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Amazon Insects - A Photo Guide

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Brazil: Amazon & Pantanal, Travellers' Wildlife Guides

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