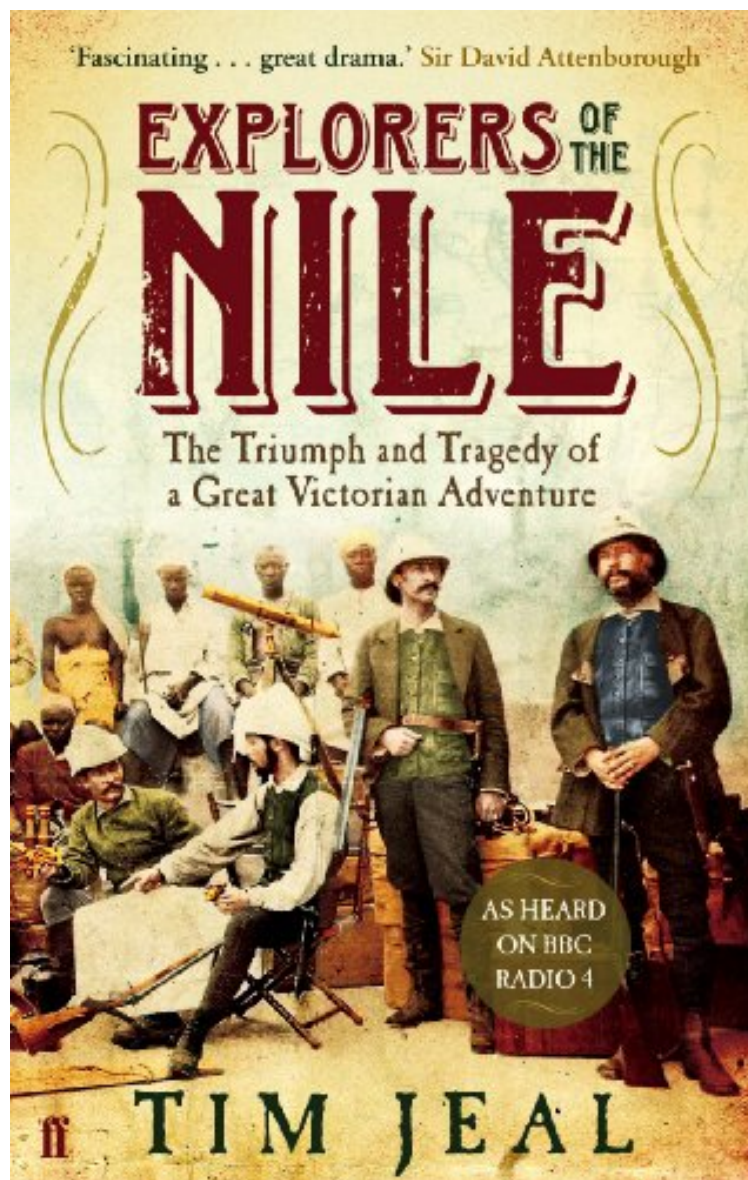


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannendes Geschichtsbuch zur Entdeckung der Quellen des Weissen NilsVon renegadeTim Jeal erzählt - auf Grundlage neuer Erkenntnisse - die Geschichte der Suche nach den Quellen des Weissen Nils. Dies tut er usserst unterhaltsam und erkenntnisreich. Sein Anliegen ist die Rehabilitation von John Hanning Speke, dem englischen Entdecker des Lake Victoria, der Hauptquelle des Weissen Nils. Vom Schicksal, dem eigenen Verhalten und seinem einstigen Partner sowie spteren Kontrahenten, Richard Burton, bel mitgespielt, erhlt Speke fr seine Leistungen zu Lebzeiten (und auch spter) keine wirkliche Anerkennung. Diesen Makel mchte Tim Jeal beheben. Entsprechend lernt der Leser die viktorianischen Charaktere der verschiedenen Nilexpeditionen des spten 18. Jahrhunderts sehr persnlich kennen und zu schtzen (Speke, Livingston oder Stanley) bzw. despektieren (Burton).

KurzbeschreibungBetween 1856 and 1876, five explorers, all British, took on the seemingly impossible task of discovering the source of the White Nile. Showing exceptional courage and extraordinary resilience, Richard Burton, John Hanning Speke, Samuel Baker, David Livingstone and Henry Morton Stanley risked their lives and their reputations in the name of this quest. They journeyed through East and Central Africa into unmapped territory, discovered the great lakesTanganyika and Victoria, navigated the upper Nile and the Congo, and suffered the ravages of flesh-eating ulcers, malaria and deep spear wounds. 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