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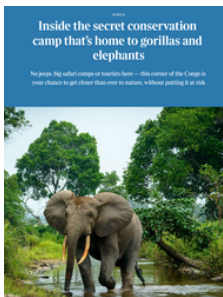


## THE LAND OF GIANTS - CONDÉ NAST UK 2023 GOLD LIST

Excerpt: "We entered the forests on trails made by the great apes. Padding silently through the trees, the trackers made clicking noises, to locate one another in the dense foliage and to reassure the gorillas about our approach. After half an hour's trek, we suddenly came upon the group. In a dappled glen, the young were playing like gymnasts. They chased one another, skittering up and down tree trunks. They swung from vines. They wrestled, rolling about in a tangle of limbs, with a combination of affection and competition, invariably ending in long forgiving embraces. All the while the mothers picnicked on tasty leaves."

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**Author: Stanley Stewart | Title: The Land of Giants | Featured in: Condé Nast Traveller UK January/February 2023**



## INSIDE THE SECRET CONSERVATION CAMP THAT'S HOME TO GORILLAS AND ELEPHANTS - THE TIMES UK

"No jeeps, big safari camps or tourists here – this corner of the Congo is your chance to get closer than ever to nature, without putting it at risk". Excerpt: "Only 285 tourists visited Odzala last year (compared to one million plus for South Africa's Kruger National Park). It was this sense of discovery and untouched wilderness that drew me to the park. This wouldn't be a typical safari – it would be an unscripted expedition into a wild Eden."

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**Author: Harriet Compston | Title: Inside the Secret Conservation Camp that's Home to Gorillas and Elephants | Featured in: The Sunday Times, Sunday September 17, 2023**



## JUNGLELAND - TRAVEL AFRICA

The vast forests of the Congo Basin – 'the lungs of Africa' – are among the most valuable habitats on Earth. Essential for regulating the climate, they also provide sanctuary to a staggering wealth of flora and fauna. Tourism is limited, but critical to the protection of this ecosystem, and nature-lovers will enjoy one of the most extraordinary safari experiences in Africa. Excerpt: "We padded along in silent single file, taking in the sounds, movements and scents of the forest. This unhurried, intimate experience of nature had been a common thread throughout the trip – "my style of guiding," Alice said with a smile. As I thought of nothing but the dimming light of the forest, the soft crunch of leaves underfoot and the cicadas whirring in the dusk, it was easy to understand why."

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**Author: Heather Richardson | Title: Jungleland | Featured in: Travel Africa, Oct-Dec 2021**



## BIODIVERSITY BONANZA - AFRICA GEOGRAPHIC

Excerpts: "Odzala-Kokoua is a naturalist's paradise, bursting with almost incomprehensible biodiversity at every turn. Scientists estimate that the forest is home to some 4,500 species of plants, at least 100 mammal and over 440 bird species. The open Marantaceae forest teems with insect life, and crocodiles, fishes, and frogs populate the swamps and rivers."... "A wildlife census conducted by African Parks in 2012 revealed that the park is home to some 9,600 forest elephants, and those that inhabit the more popular parts of Odzala have gradually become more accustomed to people. There are very few places in Africa where you can kick back after a long day's hike and watch a forest elephant browsing metres from the lodge deck."

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**Author: Team Africa Geographic | Title: Biodiversity Bonanza, Odzala-Kokoua National Park | Featured in: Africa Geographic, 25 August 2021**



## THIS AFRICA-BASED ORGANIZATION IS CHANGING THE WORLD OF SAFARIS - DEPARTURES

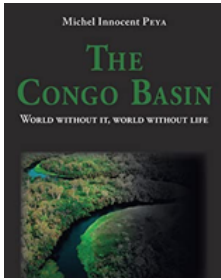
How one African organization has taken a radical approach to conservation—with remarkable results. Excerpt: "But of all AP's projects, Odzala is perhaps the most crucial. The reserve is thought to be the largest protected piece of the Congo Basin rainforest— itself the globe's second-largest forested area. "It's the single biggest lung of the world—that on its own is worth protecting," said Fearnhead. Working to combat poaching around Odzala has been a focal point: In 2016, a high-profile elephant poacher was arrested, and in 2018, rangers confiscated more than 48 tons of bushmeat, the trade of which is a major threat to gorillas."

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**Author: Heather Richardson | Title: This Africa-Based Organization is Changing the World of Safaris | Featured in: Departures, 05 August 2019**



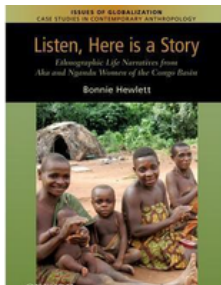
# Books



## THE SURVIVAL OF THE CONGO BASIN

This book is dedicated to the Congo Basin. It has the particularity of imagining the portrait of a universe devoid of the world's second largest lung after the Amazon, made up of forests, water, peat bogs, large carbon reserves and a rich biodiversity. However, these treasures are threatened by, on the one hand, the mercantile interests of mafia networks eager to enrich themselves and, on the other hand, by the mismanagement of institutions and powers, which cause areas of uncertainty that are beyond the control of the indigenous endogenous powers. It is by observing these abuses that Michel Innocent Peya sounds the alarm on the risk of global climate genocide if the Congo Basin were to degrade or disappear.

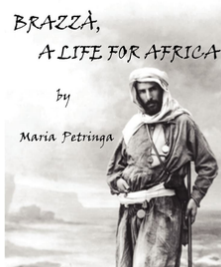
**Author: Michel Innocent Peya Title: The Congo Basin: World without it, world without life**



## CULTURAL STORIES

Based on author Bonnie L. Hewlett's ten years of field experience in the Central African Republic, Listen, Here Is a Ethnographic Life Narratives from Aka and Ngandu Women of the Congo Basin offers a fascinating glimpse into the lives of contemporary African women in their own words. Rendered here are the experiences of four women who Hewlett depicts in their homes, fields, and the forest. The women vividly recall memories, childhood games, dances, folk tales, songs, and drawings from throughout their lives and provide insights and anecdotes from their experiences as children, adolescents, mothers, wives, and providers.

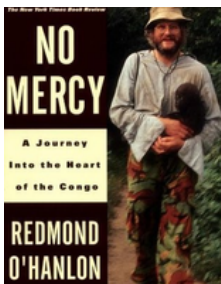
**Author: Bonnie L. Hewlett Title: Listen, Here is a Story: Ethnographic Life Narratives from Aka and Ngandu Women of the Congo Basin**



## THE MAN BEHIND THE NAME BRAZZAVILLE

This fascinating true-life adventure takes the reader on a journey from Papal Rome, to Belle-Epoque Paris, to French Colonial Africa. Brazza, A Life for Africa tells the story of Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza, a European explorer, colonial governor, and human rights investigator. He gave his life trying to expose the abuse and torture of enslaved African workers in the rubber-producing regions of Congo, Gabon, and elsewhere in equatorial Africa. From Brazza's early explorations, his diplomatic encounters with African tribal chiefs, and his studies of the daily life, flora, and fauna of central Africa, to his courageous investigation of human rights abuses, Brazza, A Life for Africa contains numerous parallels to today's events.

**Author: Maria Petringa Title: Brazza, A Life for Africa**



## A JOURNEY INTO THE CONGO

Redmond O'Hanlon is a British author, born in 1947. Mr. O'Hanlon has become known for his journeys into some of the most remote jungles of the world, in Borneo, the Amazon basin and Congo. Lit with humor, full of African birdsong and told with great narrative force, No Mercy is the magnum opus of "probably the finest writer of travel books in the English language," as Bill Bryson wrote in Outside, "and certainly the most daring." No Mercy is an elegant, disturbing and deeply compassionate evocation of a vanishing world, extraordinary in its depth, scope and range of characters. No Mercy is destined to become a landmark work of travel, adventure and natural history. A quest for the meaning of magic and the purpose of religion, and a celebration of the comforts and mysteries of science.

**Author: Redmond O'Hanlon Title: No Mercy: A Journey Into the Heart of the Congo**



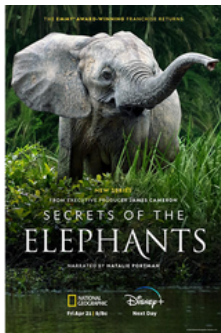
## LOCAL AUTHOR - ALAIN MABANCKOU

Alain Mabanckou was born in 1966 in Congo-Brazzaville (French Congo). He currently resides in Los Angeles, where he teaches literature at UCLA, having previously spent four years at the University of Michigan. Mabanckou will be a Fellow in the Humanities Council at Princeton University in 2007-2008. One of Francophone Africa's most prolific contemporary writers, he is the author of six volumes of poetry and six novels. He received the Sub-Saharan Africa Literary Prize in 1999 for his first novel, Blue-White-Red, the Prize of the Five Francophone Continents for Broken Glass, and the Prix Renaudot in 2006 for Memoirs of a Porcupine. He was selected by the French publishing trade journal Lire as one of the fifty writers to watch out for in the coming century.

**Author: Alain Mabanckou Titles: Lights of Pointe-Noire; Black Moses; Broken Glass; The Death of Comrade President**







## SECRETS OF THE ELEPHANTS - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Executive produced by Academy Award®-winning filmmaker and National Geographic Explorer-at-Large James Cameron and narrated by Academy Award®-winning actress Natalie Portman, the SECRETS OF THE ELEPHANTS Earth Day premiere begins Friday, in April 2023 on National Geographic. All episodes stream on Disney+. The series travels the world – from the Savannahs of Africa to the urban landscapes of Asia – to discover the strategic thinking, complex emotions and sophisticated language of elephants, shaping a unique and dynamic culture. Featuring renowned National Geographic Explorer and elephant expert Dr. Paula Kahumbu, the four-part series not only reveals the extraordinary lives of different families of elephants but also highlights how similar they are to us. SECRETS OF THE ELEPHANTS will change everything you thought you knew about elephants forever.

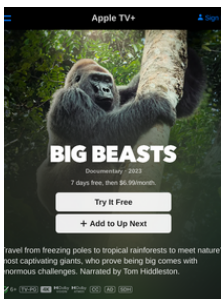
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## OUR PLANET | JUNGLES - NETFLIX

Experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary of spectacular scope. In this episode: Jungles and rainforests are home to an incredible variety of species like preening birds, intelligent orangutans and remarkably ambitious ants. A myriad of micro-worlds, our jungles contain a bewildering diversity of life, all intricately linked. Life here has evolved to fit every niche, but due to deforestation they're disappearing faster than anywhere on earth. And once we lose any part of our jungles, we may lose species forever. We don't need to clear any more of our jungles, so we need to manage and protect what's left.

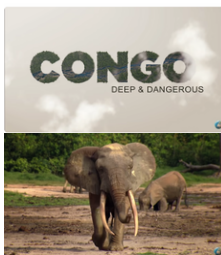
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## BIG BEASTS (S1 E4) THE GORILLA - APPLE TV

Narrated by Tom Hiddleston, Big Beasts was filmed over two years, and it takes us from freezing poles to tropical rainforests to meet nature's most stunning giants, as the series captures rare and first-ever footage using specialized equipment and next-generation filming techniques. This documentary is an Apple TV Plus original title, and this means you will be able to stream Big Beasts on Apple TV Plus by subscribing to the service in countries where Apple's streaming service has launched, including the US, Canada, the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and India. S1 E4 The Gorilla - Makumba is one of the best studied gorillas in the world. Now past his prime, he must find new ways to maintain his status as king of the jungle.

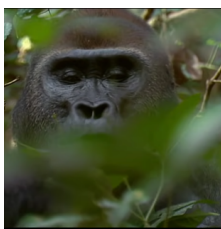
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## SPECTACULAR WILDLIFE ON THE CONGO RIVER

The river that swallows all rivers - this is what the natives call it. In reality, the Congo, when considering its water masses, is the second largest and the deepest river in the world. At its source in the north of Zambia, it starts out as a mere trickle, but on its journey westwards it grows and grows, becoming ever mightier and with it, the animals, too: the shoebill stork hides in the dense papyrus. Metre-long pythons hunt for their prey in trees and huge hippos fight for power and respect in the water. To survive in the Congo, animals have to adapt to extreme conditions. Here, evolution has spawned unique creatures: fish with lungs, wings and those that go hunting on land.

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## GORILLAS - KINGS OF THE JUNGLE

More than 3000 western lowland gorillas live in the Central African Republics Dzanga-Sangha National Park. They are the lesser-known relatives of the well-researched mountain gorillas. Animal videographer Thomas Behrend has followed Makumba the silverback and his family wherever they went for several months. Including some very rare footage, the film enables an insight into the life of a lowland gorilla family, as well as the people studying them. During his stay in the jungle, Behrend captured touching scenes of the life of the gorillas on camera, from frolicking offspring to the silverbacks frustration with his disobedient "wife". He too discovered the peculiarities of life in the jungle: the ubiquitous humidity, irritating mosquitoes and forest elephants that break into the camp at night.

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