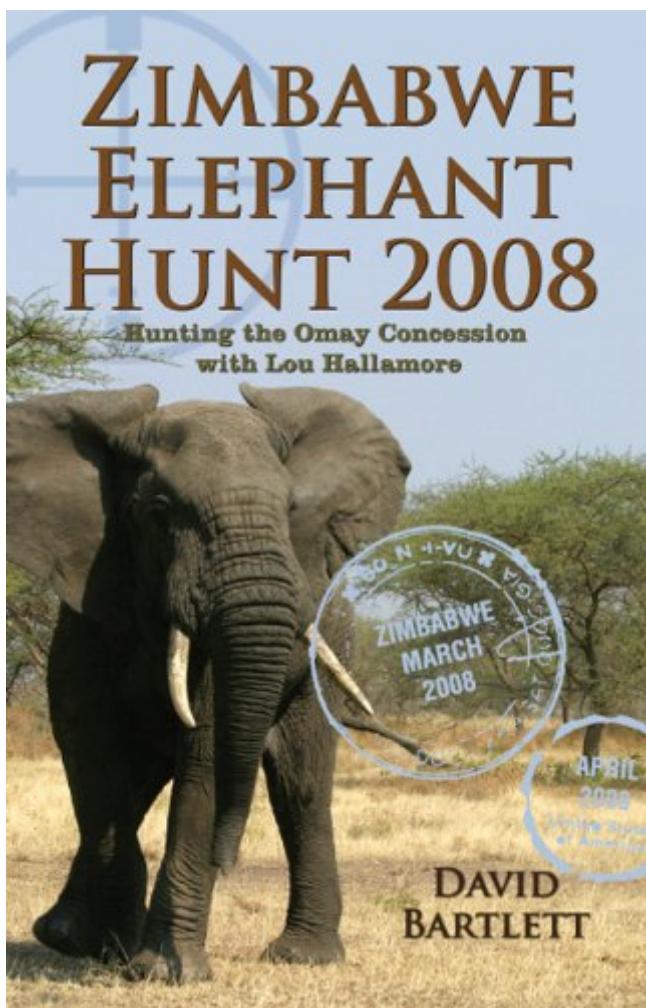


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# Zimbabwe Elephant Hunt 2008: Safaris In The Land Of The Tyrant



## Synopsis

For decades, Zimbabwe was a country in turmoil, controlled by a ruthless dictator bent on enriching himself and his cronies. Now, one hunter is bringing the people and animals of Zimbabwe to life through the story of his big-game safaris in this beautiful land. Zimbabwe Elephant Hunt 2008 is David Bartlett's first-person account of the beauty, danger, corruption and marvel he encountered on his travels in Zimbabwe during the final days of the brutal Robert Mugabe regime, which has left its people starving and its leader one of the wealthiest men in the world. A thrilling and touching account of one hunter's friendships and close calls, the book outlines not only the hurdles international hunting travelers face when in a heavily sanctioned country oppressed by human rights violations, but also the ways in which the people of these countries rise above it all to welcome visitors. "This book is much more than your standard hunting fare. It is the story of a journey, of learning and understanding, written by a keen observer and an erudite man. As such, it follows in the footsteps of Xenophon's *Anabasis*. David Bartlett documents a great trip (more than a hunt) and leaves some lessons behind for those who want to embark on one of mankind's last great adventures: a Safari. If you are going to Africa, read this book." •Arthur B. Alphin, Lt. Col., USA (ret), founder and president, A-Square Company "A very exciting account of a problem-animal elephant hunt done the correct way—ethically and up close! Dave hunted at an interesting time in Zimbabwe's history and captured everything about the hunt accurately. You will feel like you were actually with Dave—the tsetse flies, the thick jesse, the thrill and the danger. Very well done indeed!" •Myles McCallum, Charlton McCallum Safaris Biography Born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, David Bartlett is an experienced big-game hunter and a founding member of the Fort Worth/Dallas chapter of Safari Club International. His travels have taken him to three continents and dozens of countries, where he has chronicled his interactions with the people and cultures of the world.

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Good read for the time in which the story occurred. It centers around a PAC elephant hunt and he goes on about how great and affordable they are. However, that seems to be bit outdated as my research shows that Zimbabwe no longer allows PAC elephant hunts for foreigners. But it is well written and enjoyable.

First book I've read that provides the background one needs to improve their safari from inception to close. As the professional reviews say, "if you are going on safari, read this book! Funny and suspenseful, wish it was longer.

What a disappointment. This is not a book, it is a glorified magazine article. To charge \$9.99 for this borders on being criminal. Anyone who has read a hunting magazine realizes that this "book" is nothing more than an article like those that show up in Safari, African Sporting Gazette and other similar magazines. A big thumb down.

I got this e-book because I was preparing for my first safari and wanted a good first-hand account book to help tell me what I needed to know. I hit the jackpot with this one. This was the first "how to" book I had read about real safari hunting, and the practical, real-world advice was invaluable. After reading it, I was much better educated on what I needed to bring, what I needed to expect and ultimately what I ended up getting out of the experience. A lot of the African hunting books you'll find are pretty out of date. 'Zimbabwe Elephant Hunt 2008' painted a comprehensive, current picture of

the way safaris are ran today. I put this book to the test when I finally went on my first Zimbabwe PAC hunt this last year. I can honestly say I was nervous, but not half as unprepared as I would have been if I hadn't read (and studied) this book. It helped me to spend less time figuring things out and spend more time enjoying my hunt. If you're going on safari, especially an elephant hunt, or one in Zimbabwe, you'd be a fool to not give this book a read.

As a member of the San Antonio chapter of SCI, I had the pleasure of meeting the author. His book presented me not only with a list of valuable questions to ask my outfitter, but also some great stories of his hunts he was sharing. This is a great book for the person wanting to or going on Safari.

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