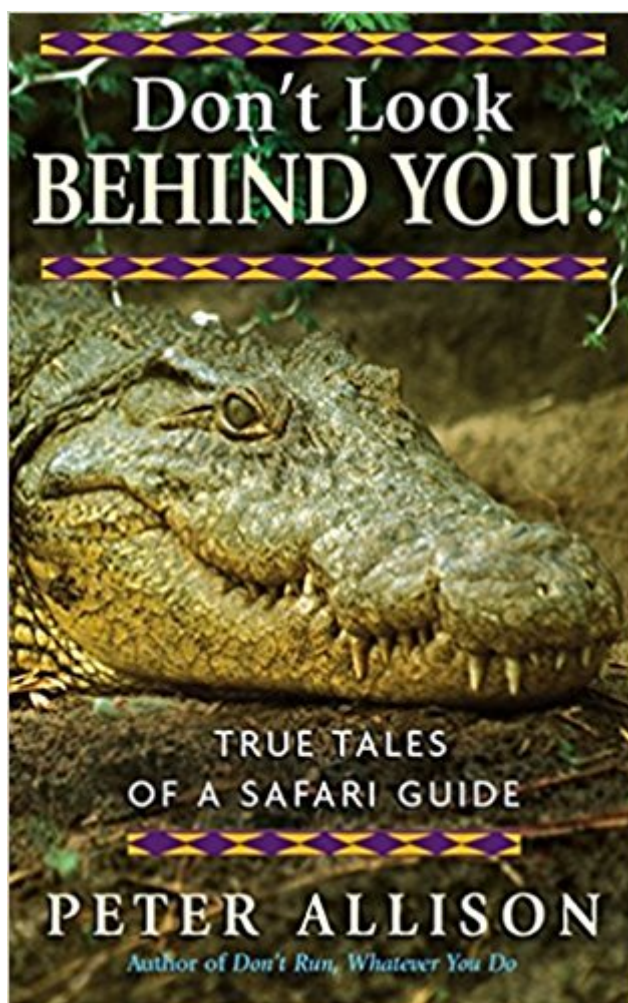


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Don't Look Behind You!: True Tales Of A Safari Guide. Peter Allison



Synopsis

In Peter's own words: These are the stories of a not particularly brave safari guide...As a child I knew that I was afraid of heights, and while uncomfortable admitting any phobia, was glad to have only one. Then I met my first crocodile. Now I know that there are at least two things in the world that unhinge my knees with fear, sour my breath, and overwhelm me with an urge to squeeze my eyes shut and wake up somewhere else. In this companion to *Don't Run, Whatever You Do*, Peter Allison encounters ravenous lions, stampeding elephants and lovesick rhinos. He recounts his hairy, and often hilarious, adventures in a private section of South Africa's famous Kruger National Park and in Botswana's Okavango Delta, where desert animals from the Kalahari make their homes next to aquatic creatures like hippos, and where the unusual becomes commonplace. It is written with a wonderful, gentle humour evocative of Gerald Durrell. One can almost feel the heat from the campfire flames as the stories are told.

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Customer Reviews

He writes beautifully and viscerally about the rhythm of bush life... as a reader you can't help but get caught up in the author's infectious enthusiasm for Africa's beauty and its beasts. On turning the last page, booking the first plane out to Botswana was most tempting. TNT Magazine Allison's writing is high on colour and is packed with engaging accounts of the sort of things that are just another day at the office for the average safari guide. If you love the thrill of safaris this book is for you. It is full of hair-raising stories of escape and adventure in the bush. Having worked for more than twenty years in Botswana, South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique, the stars of Allison's show are hungry lions

and territorial hippos. There are some white-knuckle tales of dodging landmines too... Sunday Telegraph This is a wry and immensely colourful account of a young man's adventures as a safari leader in Botswana. Scared of heights, unfamiliar with the gym and terrified of an innocuous little tree-frog, high school drop-out Peter's rapport with the job is not immediately obvious ... A hugely eloquent writer in spite of severe mid-safari injuries to the head, he masterfully paces suspense. You'll never look at an innocent safari tour the same way again. Hapless and shamelessly self-deprecating, he possesses the asset of a perfect story teller the ability to poke fun at himself. Witty, exciting and ultimately unmissable. Real Travel

Only 19 when he left Australia, Peter Allison arrived in Africa thinking he'd have a short holiday before going home to a 'proper job'. But Peter ended up falling in love with the continent and its wildlife, and after a few years was hired by Southern Africa's largest safari operator to train all their experts; over a decade later, his short holiday in Africa still isn't over.

Although I live in South Africa, I have never been on a real safari. I've visited game parks, especially the Kruger National Park (several times). I enjoyed Peter's book immensely and love his sense of humour, and the way he makes fun at himself. I imagined myself being with him in the Okavango -- so enjoyable! He recreates our wild outposts, where you sleep in various types of tents and see the wild animals up (fairly) close, as it is in real life. The couple of one-star reviews, with no explanation added, really do not count -- I think that to those reviewers Africa is just too unknown a quantity to enjoy. As a white African, born here, I have heard it said by tourists that "Africa gets into your blood" once you have been here. So enjoy this true-to-life tale of a safari guide, and come visit one of the game parks!

Truly a delightful read! So descriptive that I felt like I was right there with him throughout the whole book!

The best book i read in a long time, strongly hope there is a next one!!! Very good indeed.get it

If you are the types who love the wilderness, and have savoured that heart pounding, adrenaline pumping, knee knocking experience of being "that" close to a dangerous wild animal, this book is for you. Peter Allison is a lucid writer, with enormous amount of wit and sufficient dollop of self depreciation, and in his books, he brings to life the fun - and frustrations - of being a safari guide in

Africa. He has a way with words, and can bring the jungle that he so obviously holds close to his heart - alive in those pages. You will be left thirsting for more, once you are done.

I have just finished a safari in Africa and while I was on safari was reading his first book and couldn't put it down as it was true to a tee. I got this book and read it in one night as it brought back memories. His books are a must read if you are thinking about doing a safari in Africa as you will know what to expect

Peter's style of writing and his amazing sense of humour makes for a very entertaining read. Both his books are brilliant!

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I accidentally ordered this one twice but I'm happy to get to send it to my best friend so she can love it as much as I did.

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