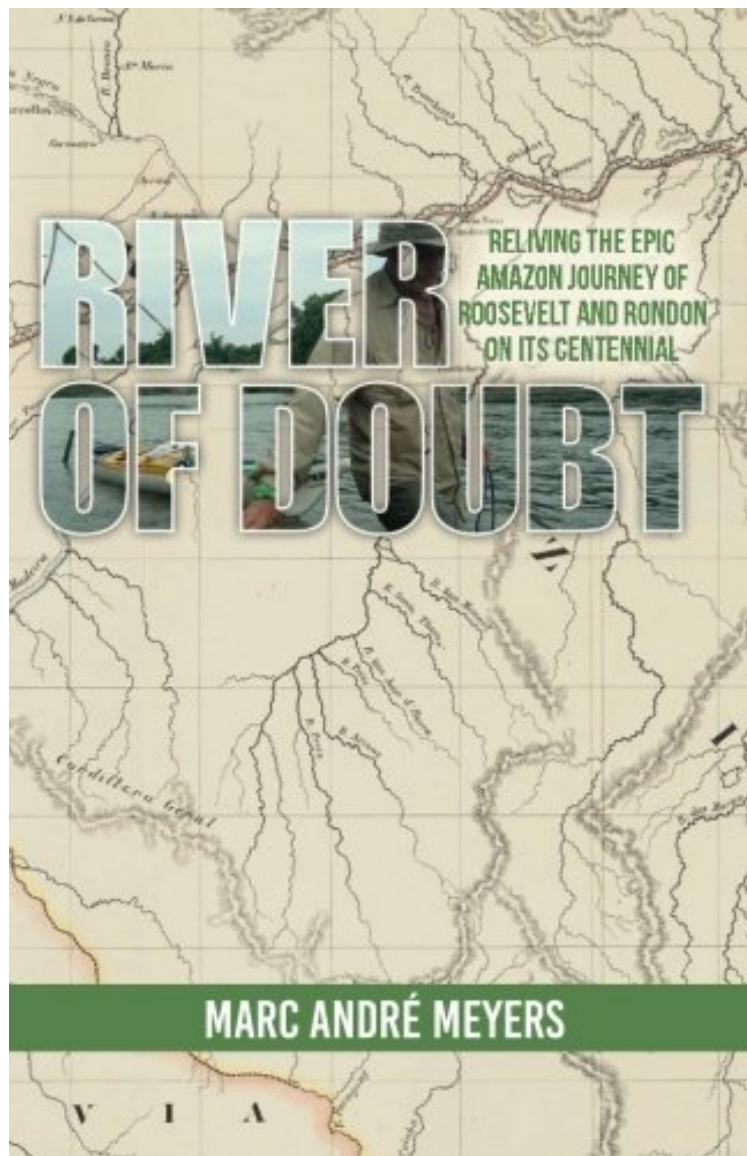


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is an amazing book. Why? By Customer This is an amazing book. Why?! The first chapter of the book is about the ROOTS OF BOOK. He clearly explains the reasons behind retracing the steps of Theodore Roosevelt's journey. So, it will help you to get a quite clear idea about the book. The following chapters include lots of detail and pictures about the spots they have been and the troubles and the dangers they have gone through. I would like to refer you to a picture of Prof. Meyers on a specific page of this book, but there is no page number!!! Why? Anyway, after page 140, if you keep going for more 18 pages, you will get to a picture showing how exhausted he is, absolutely self-explanatory. Just imagine yourself in his shoes! Prof. Meyers is a distinguished professor at UC-San Diego with an outstanding academic career. I really admire his courage to get into this dangerous expedition. I like to highlight two points about this book which are keenly appealing to me. The amazing pictures perfectly depicting the conditions in which they were and comparing them with those taken by Roosevelt and his scientific observations through the whole journey. I believe that this book would be of interest to the readership. Last but not least, I highly recommend this book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very good read. By Customer I recommend this book for different reasons. This is not just a book about a recent expedition reliving the Roosevelt-Rondon expedition, but it is also a short history of Brazil, the basin and its indigenous Indians. It gives you insight into the personality of these two widely respected political and historical figures- who they were, what they stood for, and how, despite their different intentions for the expedition, they both contributed to a better understanding of the indigenous population and the flora and fauna of the Brazilian basin. The writing style is like talking to an old friend who is very passionate about the subject - Brazil and the catastrophic decimation of the various indigenous Indians of the Brazilian Basin - in the name of civilization. One can also feel the admiration of the author for people, like Rondon and Roosevelt who lived lives beyond themselves, lives most people cannot imagine. The author's many narratives provide an understanding of why he embarked on this expedition and how he made it happen. This book not only gives a historical perspective of the Roosevelt-Rondon expedition, and provide a current comparison of the environment and the population, it also is a testament to how one man's vision and passion can prompt such an exploration - a life worth living!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By annette There is no "doubt" any person would enjoy this book. What an impressive adventure embarked by the writer. I especially enjoyed the many photos. As I was reading it, it was amazing to think that Teddy Roosevelt had done this over a hundred years ago. It was great having the paragraphs about the Roosevelt trip interspersed throughout. Highly recommend.

From 2014-2015, Marc Andr Meyers embarked on a thousand-kilometer expedition on the Parecis Plateau and down the River of Doubt in Brazil, accompanied by two Brazilian military officers, Cols. Hiram and Angonese, and by Jeffrey Lehmann. Their route retraced the steps of Teddy Roosevelt and Rondon a century earlier. Meyers's objectives in this book are fourfold: to present a travelogue of his journey, to recount the history of the Roosevelt-Rondon expedition, to relate descriptions made by the members of the original exploration to demonstrate how the region has been changed by a century of human presence, and to study the wildlife along the river. Using mules for transportation on land and two kayaks and a canoe on the river, the author, two Brazilian colonels (Roosevelt and his partner, Rondon, were also both colonels) and Jeffrey Lehmann journeyed through the territories of the Parecis, Cinta Larga, and Nambikwara Indians, populations that have been forever altered by their interaction with outsiders who encroached on their land. In gathering specimens, Meyers and his team focused on using modern scientific tools to study the structure-property relationships of wildlife, including piranhas, arapaimas, toucans, and curassows. The researchers were interested in the structure of these biological specimens all the way from the nano to the mesolevel, including their scales and beaks, and how they might inspire manmade compounds and structures.

About the Author As distinguished professor of materials science at the University of California, San Diego, Marc Andr Meyers has engaged in wide-ranging research of specimens collected in South America. His studies have been underwritten by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and the Army Research Office toward discoveries in the growing field of bioinspired materials and design. Mentions of his research have appeared on NOVA (PBS) and the History Channel, in National Geographic, and in many other broadcasts and publications. Meyers is the author or coauthor of four technical books and hundreds of academic papers. He is also the author of the novels *A Dama e o Luxemburgus* (in French: *Damour et dacier*, 2015) and *Yanomami* (2016), along with other works of fiction. In 2011, he read from his novel on the Chechen jihad at the Emirates literary festival in Dubai. He is a two-time finalist for the San Diego Book Awards.