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Starting in November 2013 in a forest in Rwanda, where a modest spring spouts a trickle of clear, cold water, Wood set forth on foot, aiming to become the first person to walk the entire length of the fabled river. He followed the Nile for nine months, over 4,000 miles, through six nations—Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, the Republic of Sudan, and Egypt—to the Mediterranean coast.

Like his predecessors, Wood camped in the wild, foraged for food, and trudged through rainforest, swamp, savannah, and desert, enduring life-threatening conditions at every turn. He traversed sandstorms, flash floods, minefields, and more, becoming a local celebrity in Uganda, where a popular rap song was written about him, and a potential enemy of the state in South Sudan, where he found himself caught in a civil war and detained by the secret police. As well as recounting his triumphs, like escaping a charging hippo and staving off wild crocodiles, Wood's gripping account recalls the loss of Matthew Power, a journalist who died suddenly from heat exhaustion during their trek. As Wood walks on, often joined by local guides who help him to navigate foreign languages and customs, *Walking the Nile* maps out African history and contemporary life.

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### Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

**An Amazon Best Book of February 2016:** In November 2013, Levison Wood set out on an improbable and dangerous undertaking: walking the 4,000 miles of the Nile River from the trickle of its Rwandan headwaters to its Egyptian delta, a trek that would take him through six countries, strife and civil wars, swamps and sandstorms, thousands of years of history, and personal tragedy. *Walking the Nile* is Wood's account of the expedition, a briskly paced blend of gripping adventure tale and a portrait of modern Africa, full of objective hazards including crocodiles, minefields, and secret police. But why? Even Wood has trouble answering that question, but "ultimately, it came down to one thing. The Nile was there, and I wanted to walk it." George Mallory would be proud. --*Jon Foro*

Review

### Praise for Levison Wood and *Walking the Nile*:

#### An Amazon Best Book of the Year (Nonfiction)

"Wood's interest, as well as his talents as a writer, lie . . . in finding out 'what life was like in corners of the world that do not always make it into our headlines' and in capturing the character and foibles of the people who inhabit them . . . Mr. Wood has a good eye for detail and a better ear for dialogue . . . What's more, unlike many explorers who went before him, Mr. Wood seems to have remained composed and charming throughout."—*Wall Street Journal*

"Gripping . . . Collecting these stories—let alone doing so beautifully—requires a variety of lucky skills. Wood emerges as a dutiful and brave guide."—*Los Angeles Times*

"*Walking the Nile* continues the illustrious tradition of travel adventures stretching from Marco Polo to Henry W. Longfellow to Bear Grylls . . . Wood's remarkable achievement is one each reader can savor vicariously . . . This worthy effort . . . should satisfy even the most jaded armchair adventurers."—*Lincoln Journal Star*

"A travelogue vivid enough to feel the burning sands in our soles."—*John Sandford, Minneapolis Star Tribune*

"Moments of sheer beauty and splendor are expertly juxtaposed with descriptions of the harshness of life for millions living in Africa, giving this account a depth and humbleness not often found in memoir/adventure writing. Wood has set a standard that will be hard to surpass."—*Shelf Awareness*

"Walking the Nile has enticed many explorers, but Wood provides an up-to-the-minute portrait of the nations and people that claim the world's longest river . . . Wood is a sharp observer and authoritative writer. He takes pains to describe the Rwandan conflict, the Egyptian revolution, the Sudanese civil war, and all the culture clashes in between . . . A bold travelogue, illuminating great swathes of modern Africa."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"[An] ambitious attempt . . . the opinions of the people [Wood] encounters . . . are dynamic and at times surprising . . . These voices, seen through the lens of Wood's words, make this memoir a

success.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“An immense feat of endurance, a magnificent journey and a great adventure.”—**Ranulph Fiennes**

“Many have attempted this holy grail of an expedition—so I admire Lev’s determination and courage to pull this off”—**Bear Grylls**

“Obsession, sacrifice, bravery, death—the themes of great expedition tales haven’t changed since Odysseus set sail. The adventurer Levison Wood has accomplished a doubly impressive feat, not only walking the Nile but capturing that experience in this lovely, evocative book.”—**Mark Adams, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Turn Right at Machu Pichu***

“In the macho, adrenaline-fuelled arena of TV adventurers, Levison Wood is that rare beast: the real deal.”—*Radio Times* (UK)

“Unlike a great many pretenders, [Wood] is the real deal: a former paratrooper, a major in the Army Reserve and as hard as nails.”—*Sunday Telegraph* (UK)

“Wood is not most men . . . He has earned a reputation as a real-life action man.”—*Mirror* (UK)

“Britain’s best-loved adventurer.”—*Times* (UK)

#### About the Author

**Levison Wood** is a writer, photographer, and explorer, who has travelled in over 80 countries, documenting the journeys of tribal peoples and minority groups. He served in Afghanistan as an officer in the British Army Parachute Regiment and is co-founder of Secret Compass, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and an International Fellow of the Explorers Club. His work has featured in international publications around the world including *National Geographic*, *Discovery Channel Magazine*, and on CNN, Channel 4, and the BBC. When not abroad, he lives in London.

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