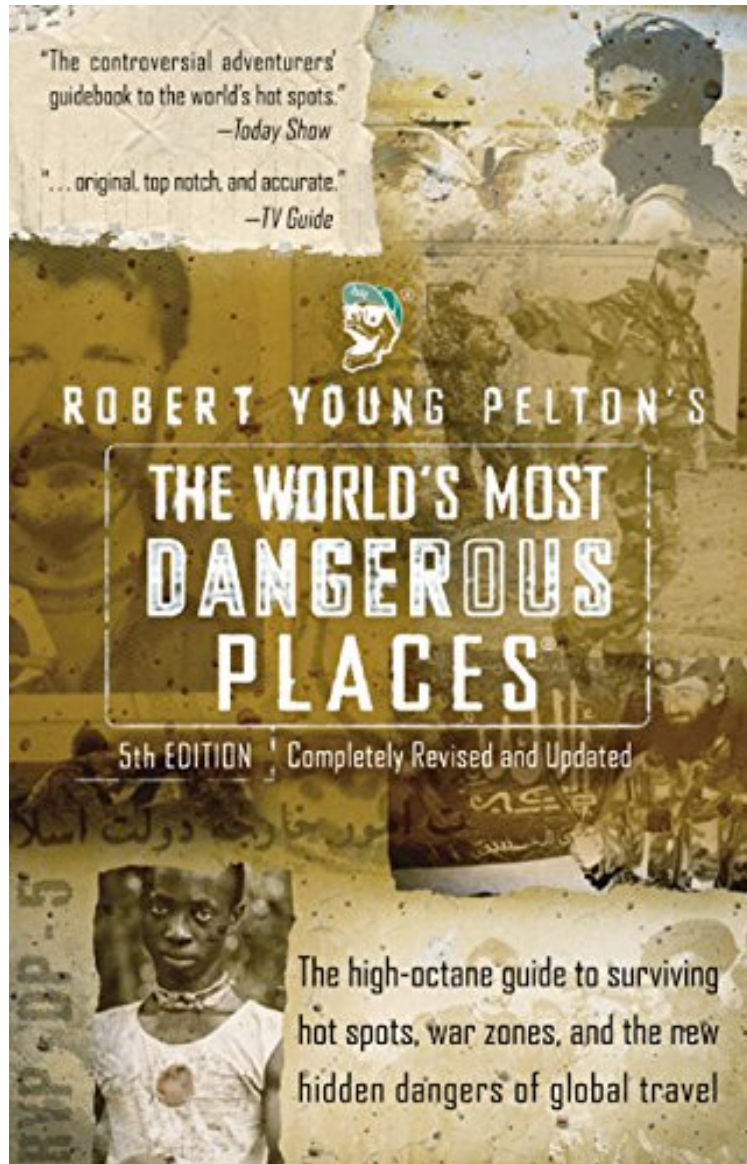


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Robert Young Pelton : Robert Young Pelton's The World's Most Dangerous Places: 5th Edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Robert Young Pelton's The World's Most Dangerous Places: 5th Edition:

27 of 29 people found the following review helpful. 5th Edition Even Better--Valuable to Business and Government

By Robert David STEELE Vivas I've heard Robert Young Pelton speak, and he is, if anything, even more thoughtful and provocative in person. He has written an extraordinary book that ordinary people will take to be a sensationalist travel guide, while real experts scrutinize every page for the hard truths about the real world that neither the CIA nor the media report. The 5th Edition is even better than the earlier version that I distributed to all the professional intelligence officers attending the annual Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) conference, so I am going to distribute the new improved version. Unlike clandestine case officers and normal foreign service officers, all of them confined to capital cities and/or relying on third party reporting, Robert Young Pelton actually goes to the scene of the fighting, the scene of the butchery, the scene of the grand thefts, and unlike all these so-called authoritative sources, he actually has had eyeballs on the targets and boots in the mud. I have learned two important lessons from this book, and from its author Robert Young Pelton: First, trust no source that has not actually been there. He is not the first to point out that most journalists are "hotel warriors", but his veracity, courage, and insights provide compelling evidence of what journalism could be if it were done properly. Government sources are even worse--it was not until I heard him speak candidly about certain situations that I realized that most of our Embassy reporting--both secret and open--is largely worthless because it is third hand, not direct. Second, I have learned from this book and the author that sometimes the most important reason for visiting a war zone is to learn about what is NOT happening. His accounts of Chechnya, and his personal first-hand testimony that the Russians were terrorizing their Muslims in the *absence* of any uprising or provocation, are very disturbing. His books offers other accounts of internal terrorism that are being officially ignored by the U.S. Government, and I am most impressed by the value of his work as an alternative source of "national intelligence" and "ground truth". There are a number of very important works now available to the public on the major threats to any country's national security, and most of them are as unconventional as this one--Laurie Garrett on public health, Marq de Villiers on Water, Joe Thornton on chlorine-based industry and the environment--and some, like Robert D. Kaplan's books on his personal travels, are moving and inspiring reflections on reality as few in the Western world could understand it--but Robert Young Pelton is in my own mind the most structured, the most competent, the most truthful, and hence the most valuable reporter of fact on the world's most dangerous places. What most readers may not realize until they read this book is that one does not have to travel to these places to be threatened by them--what is happening there today, and what the U.S. government does or does not do about developments in these places, today, will haunt this generation and many generations to follow. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who cares to contemplate the real world right now.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Despite Outdating, A Magnificent Guide

By Nick Howes This 2003 edition is somewhat outdated but provides an invaluable background look at the world's most dangerous countries and helps prepare you for today's status quo. Consider it a short list of places less preferable than sunbathing in Antarctica in your skivvies. Pelton carefully explains that good information, preparation, and common sense will get you through all the countries listed. If you are stupid enough to read this and say "there's a great place to take the kids for summer vacation -- they're insured." But if you want to find out more about Chechnya and the war against Russia that has roped us in or the Byzantine society in India, this is a great place to start.

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Only once or twice have I ever felt especially blessed in buying a great book...

By Boituma 2 And I dont remember the other times. The Worlds Most Dangerous Places is such a worth while read that it smacks me out of any boredom at a given moment with the impact and harsh realisms almost of a travel bible or Quran. It awakens one to reality. It is really worth while information to know and is garnished with accurate and keen humor at every possible moment needed. The wording is cohesive and smooth like the writer really had a "gift for gab" or has just been through it all. In each detail, realistic information--however brutal sets the tone for being politically active, awake as well as a willingness to get dirty and skilled in self defense minimally. On another note this well written book was actually missing some anticipated information. Its funny but I invisioned some of the content atleast would cover crocodile infested rivers and blood sucking fish in remote primitive areas of the world. After the first 10 pages of reading it is clear that "Dangerous Places" takes on a more political, modernistic tone with rather moderate coverage of remote uncharted regions with their tribes, huts and headhunters. In that sense I was rather disappointed as many places mentioned are also well covered in the news media and continuously too such as the Middle East. I was hoping for a book catored toward tourists and eco travel firstly but it reminds me of a publication geared toward journalists, security advisors or scientists as many locations mentioned were far from fantastic, tranquil or exciting in imagery. I cant percieve anyone who would consider most of the places mentioned as even remote vacation spots. I thought for sure there would be dialogue of huge tropical and untapped island of New Guinea and its well reputed high crime rate or perhpas coverage of islands of Haiti and Dominican Republic and lesser known even mysterious Buru island, Sumatra etc. Then there are the polar regions and perhaps locations with difficult weather patterns such as monsoons or landslides. All that often undiscovered material was nicely covered at a minimum with the exception of several locations in cliché over covered Africa which was satisfactory.

Robert Young Pelton, a professional adventurer, and his team of international war correspondents have updated this

indispensable handbook for the intrepid adventurer-- a "how-to" in getting in and out of the world's hot spots. We are living in a dangerous world, and now more than ever people want to know what is going on where (and why). Featuring 25 countries, *The World's Most Dangerous Places, 5th Edition* offers a brief up-to-the-minute history of each nation, provides tips on how to get in, out and around safely, and uncovers their dangers, from diseases, land mines, and kidnapping to mercenaries and militias. Completely revised, this edition has a number of countries who have been added to the hot list. With firsthand accounts of breathtaking adventure in each country, the book also provides the latest indispensable information on contacts for nongovernmental and rescue organizations, environmental groups, political activists, training schools in outdoor survival, commando techniques, and other potentially life-saving advice.

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