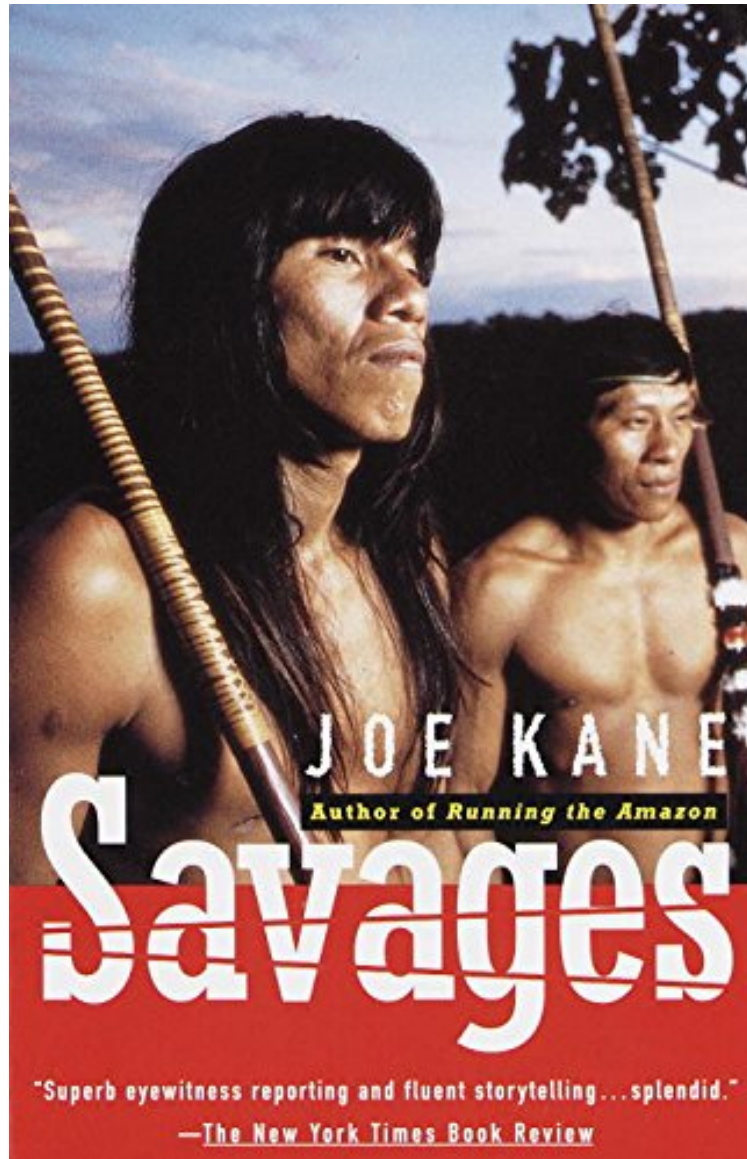


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Joe Kane : Savages before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Savages:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. No good guys in this story. Politicians, Oil , Environmentalists etc.By Jac CummingsExcellent. Just returned from Ecuador and I was very surprised when the first paragraph of the book described the exact departure point for my trip from Coca on the Napo River. There are no "good guys" in this

story. Corrupt politicians, Greedy, irresponsible, and unethical oil companies in both the U.S. and Ecuador, Environmentalists that drop the ball. Joe Kane gives us a great understanding of the mentality of the 'uncontacted' natives of Ecuador. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A must read By Leland E. G. Larson This well-researched book shines because of the author's courage in much on site time with first hand experience and observation under conditions most of us would not risk. All in order to present the outside problems being presented to an ancient, indigenous people, the Huaorani Indians of Ecuador who live in a remote region of the rainforest being exploited by various oil companies that have little regard for the cultural effects on the peoples occupying for many eons this area. Additionally, the effects on the animal life, the numerous polluting activities and the bringing in of many settlers to abuse and exploit this beautiful land all for the sake of a few more days of oil production in the world makes one question the ability of the human species to conduct themselves in a moral fashion. And, of course, it was interesting hearing more about the activities of Ali Sharif, a world's expert in permaculture, often mentioned in this book. Similar to *The Beak of a Finch*, this book is a must read for those interested in the environment, social justice causes, anthropology, and other fields, including just general fun reading about something outside of one's usual frame of reference. So many people are giving of themselves to become one more shining light out there giving energy and hope to others that I am touched by their sacrifices for this planetary home of ours. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. *The Dark Side of Ecuador* By Linda Ballou I was a slap-happy travel writer looking forward to experiencing the most bio-diverse country on the planet for its size. Ecuador is touted as a paradise for nature lovers with 46 different eco-systems, home to 1,600 bird species, 250 mammals, 358 amphibians 345 reptiles and 4,500 butterflies. Then I read Joe Kane's horrifying expose of what has been taking place in the forests of Ecuador in a region called the Oriente since the 1970's. Oil companies have systematically been destroying the forests, polluting the rivers with toxins that are destroying the beauty of the place and literally killing the indigenous people with toxic wastes and oil spills. The Trans-Ecuadorian Pipeline has suffered more than 60 major ruptures since 1972, spilling 614,000 barrels of oil into rivers and streams--more than two Exxon Valdez tankers' worth. How can this be happening in the poster child for eco-tourism? How can this continue in a world that is supposedly enlightened to the fact that the forests are the lungs of the planet and hold untapped medicinal knowledge? Kane lived with the Huaorani Indians in their villages, and befriended their greatest leaders, while maintaining a journalist's objectivity. His book is a sensitive, caring, thoroughly researched, deep look into the abuses of the oil companies. His account ends in 1996, but the travesties live on. "If oil exploration continues at the current rate, in another 30 years oil reserves will be exhausted, the last ancient cultures decimated and there won't be any wilderness left." Thomas Cook, *Traveller's Guide*, 2008. I am now saddened beyond words, but still looking forward to seeing what remains of Ecuador's glorious bounty. If the United States, the chief exploiter of Ecuador's natural resources, weans itself off oil there could be hope of a recovery before the entire Ecuadorian forest is fouled and the Indians way of life gone forever. [..]

Savages is a firsthand account, by turn hilarious, heartbreaking, and thrilling, of a small band of Amazonian warriors and their battle to preserve their way of life. Includes eight pages of photos.

.com In this impressive, funny and moving work, Joe Kane tells the story of the Huaorani, a tribe living in the deepest part of the rain forest in Ecuador. The Huaorani have only in the last generation been exposed to such items as the wristwatch. But the modern world is reaching them quickly; for better or worse--usually worse--they live astride some of Ecuador's richest oilfields. Oil production in the has opened the forest to colonization and industrialization, often with alarming results: about 17 million gallons, of raw crude, more than in the Valdez spill in Alaska, were spilled from a pipeline between 1972 and 1989. Kane, who lived with the Huaorani for months, immaculately reports on the tribes' connections with the old world and its battles with the new one. From *Publishers Weekly* Firsthand account of the battle between oil companies and an indigenous Indian population for control of territory in the . Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist* Kane is an award-winning environmental reporter and author of the best-selling *Running the* (1989). Here he chronicles his most recent adventures in the with a group of Ecuadorian Indians called the Huaorani. The nomadic Huaorani, some 1,300 in number, live deep in the rain forest, just as they have for millennia. Fiercely independent and keenly observant, these warriors are determined to maintain their way of life in spite of the toxic invasion of American oil companies. To this end, they have transcended immense cultural, linguistic, and technological divides to confront the oil companies as well as both the U.S. and Ecuadorian governments. Amazed and excited by the vision and courage of the Huaorani, Kane braves myriad discomforts and dangers (both physical and psychological) to document the destruction wrought by the oil companies and witness various dialogues between the Huaorani and disingenuous government and industry officials. It's the same terrible old story of greed, arrogance, and lies, but Kane describes some truly remarkable individuals and relates incidents both comic and tragic in the ongoing and quite crucial global war between people of the forest and people of the dollar. Donna Seaman