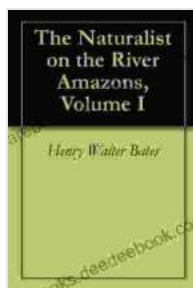


The Naturalist on the River Amazons: A Record of Adventures, Habits of Animals, Sketches of Brazilian & Indian Life, and Aspects of Nature Under the Equator, during Eleven Years of Travel

By Henry Walter Bates



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The Naturalist on the River Amazons is a classic work of natural history and travel literature by British naturalist Henry Walter Bates. First published in 1863, the book is based on Bates's eleven-year expedition to the Amazon rainforest, where he collected and described thousands of new species of plants and animals. The book is divided into two parts: the first part describes Bates's travels and adventures in the rainforest, while the second

part provides a detailed account of the natural history of the region. *The Naturalist on the River Amazons* is a beautifully written and informative account of Bates's travels and discoveries, and it remains one of the most important works on the Amazon rainforest ever written.

Bates's Travels in the Amazon Rainforest

Bates arrived in the Amazon rainforest in 1848, at the age of twenty-three. He spent the next eleven years exploring the region, traveling by boat, on foot, and by mule. He collected and described thousands of new species of plants and animals, including many new species of butterflies. Bates also made detailed observations of the habits of animals and the interactions between different species. He was one of the first scientists to describe the phenomenon of mimicry, in which one species of animal evolves to resemble another species in order to gain an advantage. Bates's work on mimicry was groundbreaking, and it helped to change the way that scientists thought about evolution.

The Natural History of the Amazon Rainforest

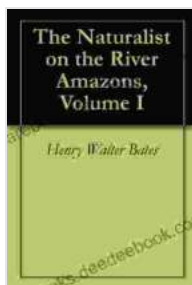
The second part of *The Naturalist on the River Amazons* provides a detailed account of the natural history of the Amazon rainforest. Bates describes the region's climate, geology, and vegetation. He also discusses the various animal species that live in the rainforest, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Bates's descriptions of the rainforest are vivid and detailed, and they provide a fascinating glimpse into the wonders of this unique ecosystem.

The Legacy of *The Naturalist on the River Amazons*

The Naturalist on the River Amazons remains one of the most important works on the Amazon rainforest ever written. Bates's pioneering work on mimicry helped to change the way that scientists thought about evolution, and his detailed observations of the natural history of the rainforest provide a valuable resource for scientists and naturalists today. The book is also a beautifully written and engaging account of Bates's travels and adventures, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in the Amazon rainforest or natural history.

Further Reading

- [The Naturalist on the River Amazons at Project Gutenberg](#)
- [Henry Walter Bates on Wikipedia](#)
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