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An account of the first documented (near) complete ascent of the length of the Congo River performed by a joint British-Congolese team of experts in the mid 70's concocted initially as a sort of commemoration of the centenary of the trip performed by HM Stanely 100 years earlier. The account is factual but nothing too exciting seems to have happened during the journey aside from a few boats overturning in the rapids. There were so many names of various expedition members being mentioned that they all sort of blurred together (the author includes a nice list of all involved and what their role was, etc). Not as enjoyable as his other work on the Blue Nile Expedition of which he was also a part.

I have read the book, and as a expedition member in 1974/75 it brought back many happy memories. It has taken me nearly thirty years to obtain and read the book about the expedition I was involved with. My views are unashameably biased, but essentially the book is a accurate journal of the problems that can beset any large expedition. The advice and experiences of the author are true

and unbiased, reflecting the trials and tribulations of people brought together in sometimes trying circumstances. Have no doubt, read the book and revel in its truth.

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