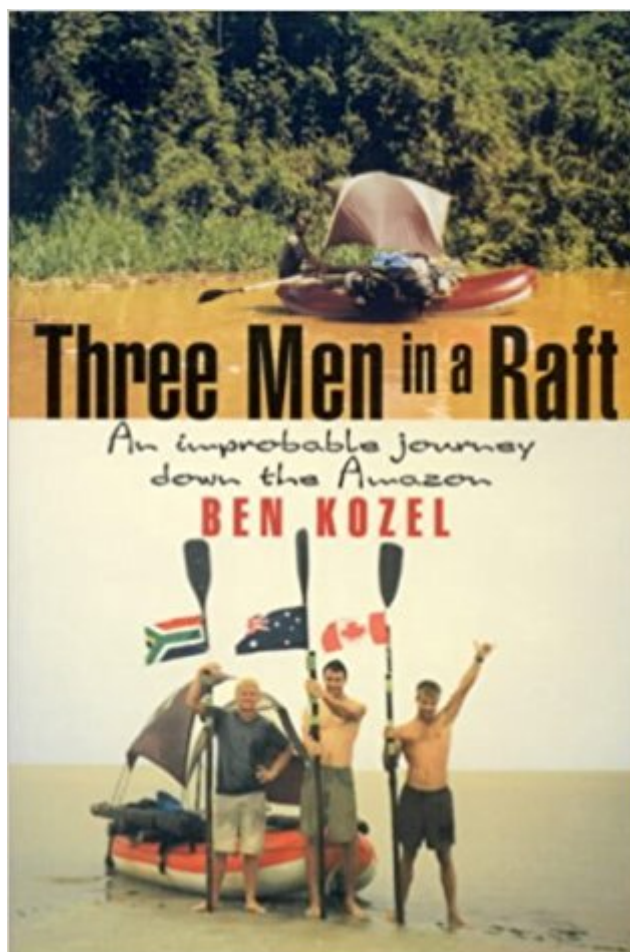


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This book was recommended to me by a Peruvian friend. It was an interesting story and brought back memories of some of the places I had been to. Since, I was exposed to the past history of the country, I could understand the uncertainty of the political dynamics of the time that these men were there. My trip was nothing compared to these three men but it was an adventure for me. I don't think that I will be afraid to go anywhere again. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay in Peru. The people were lovely, the art amazing, and the music was fun. This book was fun to read.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book. I'd previously travelled Iquitos to Tabatinga as part of a Sth. America tour & was keen to find out more.

If you have any interest in paddling or adventure in the outdoors, this is for you. A very inspiring story.

Having recently traveled to Peru, Kozel's descriptions of the landscape and people are dead-on accurate. For anyone who's walked the market in Belen, this book is a must read. His willingness to describe the trials and tribulations of himself & fellow rafters creates an engaging story of three guys who kind of knew what they were doing, but ended up accomplishing far more than they really thought they could.

This is one of those rare books where I felt genuinely sad to finish. As a bit of an armchair traveller whose never been all that attracted to packaged tours but too timid to engage in all out adventures,

this is a humourous, wild, scary and easy to read way to partake in Ben and his mate's adventure in a tiny way. Fantastic read and glad Ben & Co made it out alive.

Kozel does a fantastic job of describing the nature of travelling in underdeveloped countries. This book makes a perfect travelling companion. Light reading at its best, it can be put down while you have your own adventures and manages to quickly real you back in the moment you resume reading.

Fantastic book, that retraces the amazing journey from start to finish down the filled with humor and excitement. Truely makes you want to do something crazy.

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