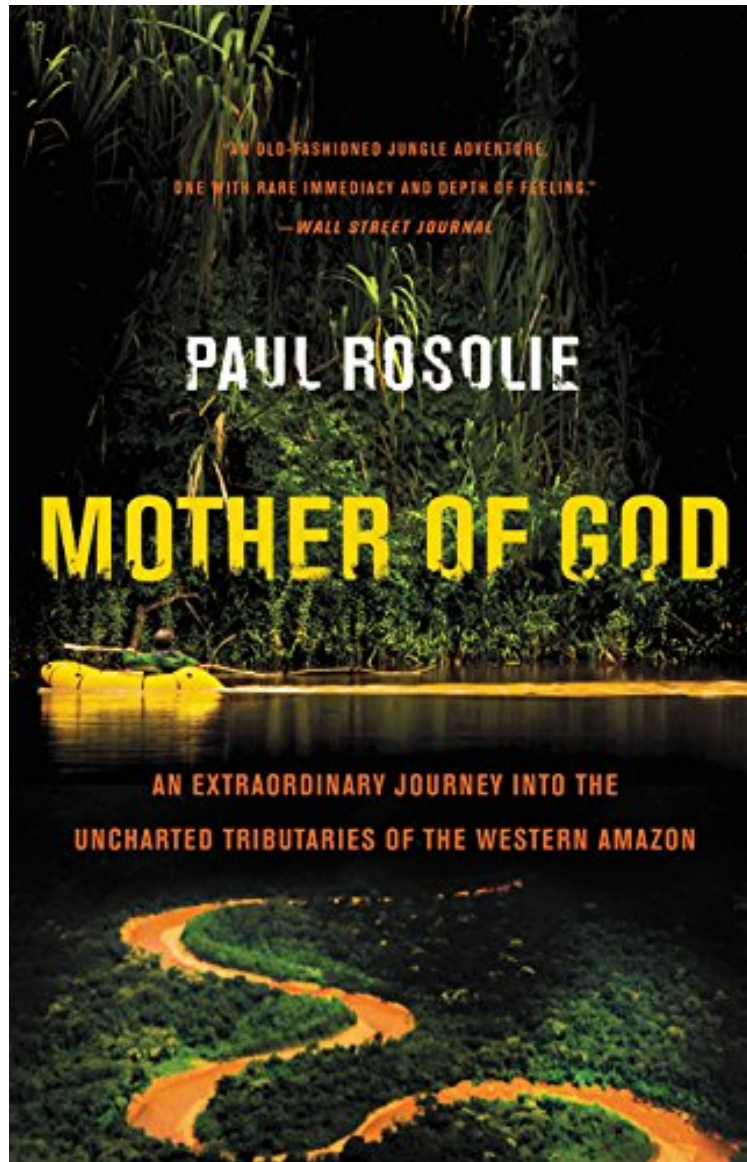


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God: An Extraordinary Journey into the Uncharted Tributaries of the Western Amazon:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mysterious adventure awaits you By amsecretan Vivid is the best word I can use to describe this book. This year, I have read several "adventure" type books, beginning with *The Lost City of Z*, and then *The Lost City of the Monkey God*, and finally this one...and this one might be my favorite. As other reviewers have commented, this book takes you right into the with the author, and you really can envision the wondrous world he describes as if you are right there with him, stalking predators and observing thousands of species. This story gets right into the action, and places the reader right where you want to be - in a hammock listening to wild bird calls, crawling on the jungle floor looking for ants, floating down a river surrounded by the real possibility of getting lost forever. The author is honest and young, and has a very good grasp on his privilege in the world and how he might be able to use that to save the jungle he grows to love. It's really an astounding tale, with great imagery and real tension. If you like adventure in mysterious places, this is a great pick!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Wondrous Adventure and Personal Story By B. Gooden I was fascinated by this book, which I read on my Kindle. I was searching for books on Peru, principally those related to pre-Columbian cultures, and found and was hooked by the title, since my wife and I have traveled to Peru three times (and also Ecuador two times), including a couple times in the region. And the initial reviews enticed me to read this book. The author's descriptions of the rainforests were at once realistic and poetic, with a very real important emphasis on what this world is doing, and not doing, to destroy, or to allow by apathy the destruction of the essential wholeness of the rainforests, to the world's and not just Peru's great peril. There is no doubt of his devotion to the and wish to preserve it, including what he is doing now, both by writing the book, and also continuing to help run, with others, including citizens of Peru, the Las Piedras Biodiversity Station, helping to lead its efforts to both study and preserve the region. I especially loved the descriptions of the animals, reptiles and birds of the still-for-now pristine regions of the Madre de Dos that most of us will never see, or unfortunately, ever see again. I also liked the fact that the author was self-deprecating about his adventures, including recognizing where he was perhaps brash and not paying attention to the possible dangers of the situations he was putting himself in. And then there is the interesting back-story of the author's personal and educational development from his days in New York, to his early attempts to establish himself in the region, but, with his parents help and encouragement, to go to college and complete his education to make himself more valuable in the responsibility he would then assume in Peru. This is absolutely a marvelous book. I would very much like to read whatever his next book might be. And I will no doubt re-read this one soon.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nothing bad ever happen By Lew J. Snyder At first i thought he was making it up and adding lots of embellishment. But the more I read, the more I realized his story is true. Why? because myself as a world traveler and going off the beaten path was quite similar. in a sense, I ended up in some strange places because I trusted those that invited me. Nothing bad ever happen, In fact, I still can't beleive where I ended up sometimes and all was fascinating and the only American probably ever. Been to the myself, Why I bought it. Never went nearly as far into it as Paul. And his passion and the sense it will all be OK is something I understand already. So, I really could relate. Plus, I am going to write my own book on travel adventures. But if your simply an armchair traveller at home sitting in front of the fireplace, you can enjoy this adventure too.

For fans of *The Lost City of Z*, *Walking the Amazon*, and *Turn Right at Machu Picchu* comes naturalist and explorer Paul Rosolie's extraordinary adventure in the uncharted tributaries of the Western Amazon. A tale of discovery that vividly captures the awe, beauty, and isolation of this endangered land and presents an impassioned call to save it. In the Madre de Dios (Mother of God) region of Peru, where the Amazon River begins its massive flow, the Andean Mountain cloud forests fall into lowland Amazon Rainforest, creating the most biodiversity-rich place on the planet. In January 2006, when he was just a restless eighteen-year-old hungry for adventure, Paul Rosolie embarked on a journey to the west Amazon that would transform his life. Venturing alone into some of the most inaccessible reaches of the jungle, he encountered giant snakes, floating forests, isolated tribes untouched by outsiders, prowling jaguars, orphaned baby anteaters, poachers in the black market trade in endangered species, and much more. Yet today, the primordial forests of the Madre de Dios are in danger from developers, oil giants, and gold miners eager to exploit its natural resources. In *Mother of God*, this explorer and conservationist relives his amazing odyssey exploring the heart of this wildest place on earth. When he began delving deeper in his search for the secret Eden, spending extended periods in isolated solitude, he found things he never imagined could exist. Alone and miniscule against a titanic landscape I have seen the depths of the Amazon, the guts of the jungle where no men go, Rosolie writes. But as the legendary explorer Percy Fawcett warned, the few remaining unknown places of the world exact a price for their secrets. Illustrated with 16 pages of color photos.

From *Booklist* Enthralled with animals and nature from childhood, Rosolie fixated on the forest and adventured there as a teenager in 2005. From that and subsequent sojourns, he has synthesized this account of experiencing the environment and wildlife of, specifically, the Madre de Dios region of Peru. Coursed by rivers, carpeted with trees,

soaked by rain, it is the stage for Rosolies quests to find large predators, such as jaguars, anacondas, and crocodiles. The peril in such searching tensely builds in Rosolies accounts of his encounters, which relax as he returns safely to his base of civilization, a combination ecotourism-and-biology-research station. Its operation and orbiting personalities connect to Rosolies critical observations about threats to the tropical habitat, such as poachers and loggers, with whom he has wary interactions in the course of his treks. They arent the only human hazard. In Rosolies culminating tale, he enters reputedly unexplored territory, is spotted by indigenous people, and flees for his life. Writing with intrepid curiosity and a passion for ecological preservation, Rosolie will rally readers of Ed Staffords *Walking the* (2012). -- Gilbert Taylor Rosolie is a gripping storyteller. . . . His enthusiasm for the wilderness and his ability to convey it poetically makes him an exceedingly persuasive advocate for conserving whats left of the natural world. (BookPage)Rosolies solo adventures in the heart of the jungle, up close and personal with giant anacondas and jaguars, are gripping. And his dedication to preserving one of the earths last wildernesses is where he really sets himself apart. *Mother of God* is an awe-inspiring read. (Bear Grylls)A great adventure with a great and enduring point: we simply must protect these last, vast slices of the planet that still work the way theyre supposed to. (Bill McKibben)Thanks to fastidious journal-keeping that preserved a wealth of detail and emotion, Rosolie delivers an old-fashioned jungle adventure, one with rare immediacy and depth of feeling for the people and creatures he encounters. (The Wall Street Journal)Paul Rosolies *Mother of God* is more than a thrilling adventure tale, its an old-fashioned boy-meets-jungle love story. Be prepared to fall for it. (Mark Adams, author of *Turn Right at Machu Pichu*)An extraordinary bookHis vivid writing immerses you in his adventures as he explores an ancient pristine forest where no white man has been, where he encounters amazing creatures, and experiences the relentless power of untamed natureThere are parts that will haunt you, scenes you will never forget. (Jane Goodall)A gripping adventure story filled with plenty of adrenaline-filled encounters with massive snakes, intimidating jaguars and other creatures. . . . A vividly written narrative of an amazingly diverse world still to be explored, whose destruction, as Rosolie wisely notes, would be a devastating loss for humanity. (Kirkus)A rousing eco-adventure. . . . This is old-school nature writing, unabashedly romantic and free of alienation. . . . Rosolies powers of description are so vivid and engrossing that readers will be swept along in his passion. (Publishers Weekly (starred review))Rosolie writes with intrepid curiosity and a passion for ecological preservation. (Booklist)A sobering account of an ecosystem hanging in the balance. . . . An insightful history of the region. . . . Entertaining and revelatory. (The Wichita Eagle)From the Back CoverWhen Paul Rosolie, a restless eighteen-year-old hungry for adventure, embarked on a journey to the west in 2006, he didn't know that it would transform his life. In the Madre de Dios ("Mother of God") region of Peru, where the River begins, the cloud forests of the Andes converge with the lowland rain forest to create the most biodiverse wilderness on the planet.In a true story of adventure and discovery that spans more than nine years, Rosolie takes us into the most inaccessible reaches of the . Along the way, he encounters massive snakes, isolated tribes, prowling jaguars, giant anteaters, and much more in the Wild West of the natural world. It is a journey into the last great wilderness that ultimately asks the question of our time: How much longer will these places exist? The primordial depths of the Madre de Dios are in grave danger.*Mother of God* is the story of an amazing odyssey into the heart of the wildest place on earth. But as Rosolie delves deeper into the heart of the jungle, he finds things he never imagined could exist. And as the legendary explorer Percy Fawcett warned, "The few remaining unknown places of the world exact a price for their secrets."