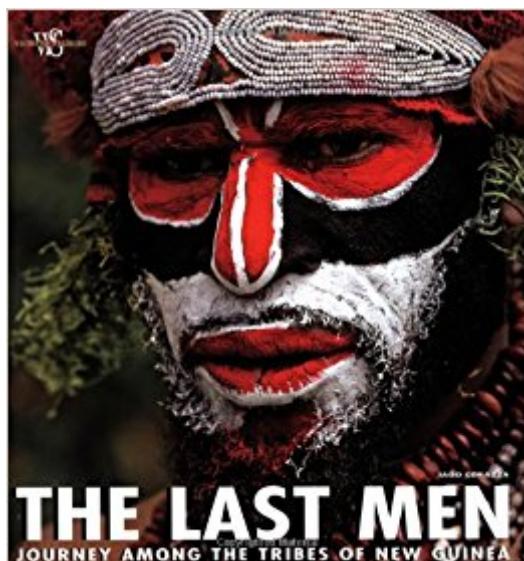


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The Last Men: Journey Among The Tribes Of New Guinea



Synopsis

In an era in which explorers can use cell phones to call from the peaks of the Himalayas, Irian Jaya and Papua New Guinea have somehow remained untouched by "civilization." There are still hundreds of unknown populations in Irian Jaya, many of which are dying out. This volume introduces readers to this place that is the reign of the last men of the earth. Readers are transported into the sole remaining pockets of prehistory, untouched by time and nature, where they are given a glimpse into the lives of the people of this untamed Eden. This heritage of humanity, which will probably not withstand the advance of modernity, is examined thoroughly in a compelling text written by a journalist who specializes in in-depth anthropological research. Hundreds of specially commissioned pictures taken by a photographer renowned for his daring reportage from every corner of the globe bring to life this remarkable vestige of prehistory. Through authoritative text and unsurpassed photography, this book investigates the everyday lives of and challenges confronted by these people; evokes the islandâ™s splendid yet hostile natural environment; and depicts the unique uncultivated characteristics of its flora and fauna.

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Jago Corazza has worked as a director and cinematographer on documentaries around the world. Anthropologist, percussionist, photographer, and world traveler, Nicola Pagano is a renaissance man for our time. He has lived and worked in Africa, Australia, and Asia, and has produced TV and radio programs on travel and ethnology.

Hardback, 11.75" x 12.5", large-format book, embossed boards with illustrated DJ. 288 pages, hundreds of full-color, (often full-page), photographs. 1 (poor) map. Limited, but interesting text by Iago Corazza and Greta Ropa. Photographs by Iago Corazza. Published by White Star Publishers, 2008. Admitedly, this is not day-to-day life in New Guinea....this is fully adorned, fully committed, fully made-up for special occasions, pedal-to-the-metal New Guinea, and the effect is viusually stunning. This is quintessential MAN AS ART (See Also :Â Man as Art (A Studio Book)Â In my opinion, The Last Men is significantly superior in capturing the awesome majesty of New Guinea Ceremonies than the book actually entitled "New Guinea Ceremonies".Â New Guinea Ceremonies (Photography)Â The indigenous peoples of New Guinean are presented in their full body paint, with extremely striking colors and motifs representing their tribal identity. Chapters include "Papua Niugini", "Asaro" (Mudmen), "Omo Bugamo" (Skeleton Warriors), the "Sing-Sing of Enga", "Kutumb (Engagement Ceremony)and several others, and includes a section on Irian Jaya (West Papua). A well-presented pictoral reference which should appeal to ethnography and tribal art lovers alike. For info : "The Last Men" is referred to as "Farewell To The Last Man" in some internet sources. Also available (in used condition at under five bucks), is the not quite so lavishly produced, but nonetheless wonderful bookÂ Faces of Papua New Guinea

The photography is incredible! Photos are large, colorful and glossy and of excellent composition. Being honest, I haven't read the text fully and can't comment on the quality or veracity of the author's observations, but the pictures alone make this a must-have book.

How colorful.. These people are amazing... I'm not sure that the efforts of the civilized world to convert these tribes to western ways and the greed of Capitalism's developers will be to their advantage. Saving the Last Men's ways and saving the last truely unsullied tropical forest is a slosing battle

Crammed full of breath-taking color photography! This is a documentation of many of the last tribes untouched by the western world. Includes a concise history of New Guinea.

This table top reference book is an excellent source of information. I would highly recommend it to anyone traveling to PNG

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I got this book just after having spent 8 days in PNG. The photos are wonderfull, the text is useful. For the price this is an excellent book.

It is an incredible book. When the book came to my hands, what most surprised me what its size and incredible pictures. But the reader can also enjoy a book of great anthropological value, with magnificent descriptions of the tribes in New Guinea. Definetely, it was really a worthy purchase.

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