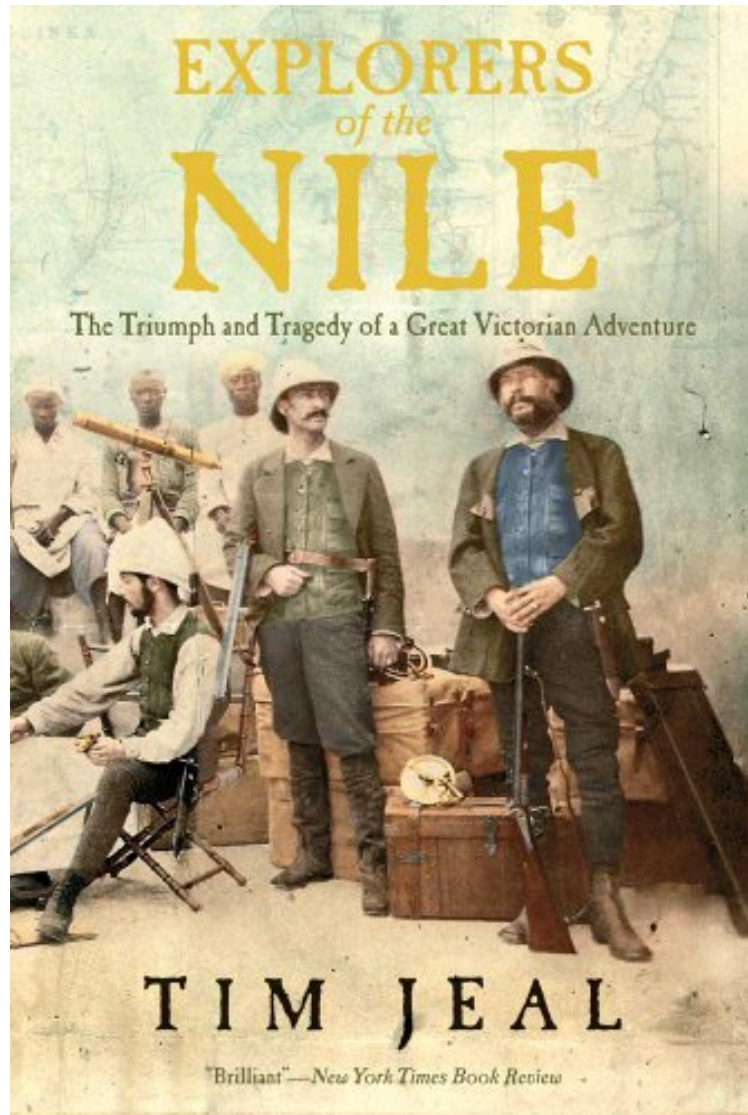


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**Tim Jeal : Explorers of the Nile: The Triumph and Tragedy of a Great Victorian Adventure** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Explorers of the Nile: The Triumph and Tragedy of a Great Victorian Adventure:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A history worth reading By Customer An interesting read. Although a relatively long book it details the life and times in a way that shed a completely new light on the way countries such

as France, Germany and most importantly England impacted the country, often times for altruistic purposes. The tribulations, the agony and the extreme efforts to explore the Nile is extremely awe inspiring. The tenacity of some of these explorers is beyond imagination and truly defines the term "extreme". Unfortunately, the book also sheds lights on the extremely terrible actions of slave trading, elephant tusk trading and other atrocities that make up the history of the world. A truly sad state of affairs. Maybe countries in their false belief that they know better should stick to their own environments rather than believe they know better and colonize others. Sure, there may be some advantages to the people of another country but what the missionaries did and the sanctioned actions of others on the belief that there may be a way to dominate another weaker country simply to exploit the natural resources of another is totally and completely wrong. We can only imagine how the world would be today if the British had not defined country boundaries the way they did in Africa. Has anything been learned and has anything changed - I don't think so. A good read. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. African exploration revisited By Gregory Hope Jeal's latest book is certainly worth reading if you're interested in exploration or African history. As in his other books, Jeal's analysis and opinions are frequently given. The narrative follows the adventures and achievements of each of the prominent British explorers of the Nile sources. Burton comes off the worst by a long shot, Speke is much in favor, Grant seems to be mostly in the background. Sam and Florence Baker get a mixed review tilting toward the negative. Stanley is much appreciated by Jeal as any reader of his highly recommended biography of Stanley will know. Livingstone gets grudging respect from Jeal, more than I recall seeing in Jeal's much earlier biography of the man. As other reviewers have noted the closing chapters on subsequent events in the region make for a rather disappointing conclusion. Readers may find it worthwhile to also read Alan Moorehead's "White Nile" for an earlier perspective on much of the same material. While lacking some of the resources currently available Moorhead's books are highly readable and entertaining. See also "Blue Nile" and "Cooper's Creek". For a more balanced (in my opinion) take on Livingstone see George Seaver's "David Livingstone: His Life and Letters" or Andrew Ross "Mission and Empire". If for no other reason, read "Explorers of the Nile" to gain a greater appreciation of John Hanning Speke. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By G Stutts Better if names geographically connected to today's named countries

Nothing obsessed explorers of the mid-nineteenth century more than the quest to discover the source of the White Nile. It was the planet's most elusive secret, the prize coveted above all others. Between 1856 and 1876, six larger-than-life men and one extraordinary woman accepted the challenge. Showing extreme courage and resilience, Richard Burton, John Hanning Speke, James Augustus Grant, Samuel Baker, Florence von Sass, David Livingstone, and Henry Morton Stanley risked their lives and reputations in the fierce competition. Award-winning author Tim Jeal deploys fascinating new research to provide a vivid tableau of the unmapped "Dark Continent," its jungle deprivations, and the courageous as well as malicious tactics of the explorers. On multiple forays launched into east and central Africa, the travelers passed through almost impenetrable terrain and suffered the ravages of flesh-eating ulcers, paralysis, malaria, deep spear wounds, and even death. They discovered Lakes Tanganyika and Victoria and became the first white people to encounter the kingdoms of Buganda and Bunyoro. Jeal weaves the story with authentic new detail and examines the tragic unintended legacy of the Nile search that still casts a long shadow over the people of Uganda and Sudan.

Brilliant. New York Times Book