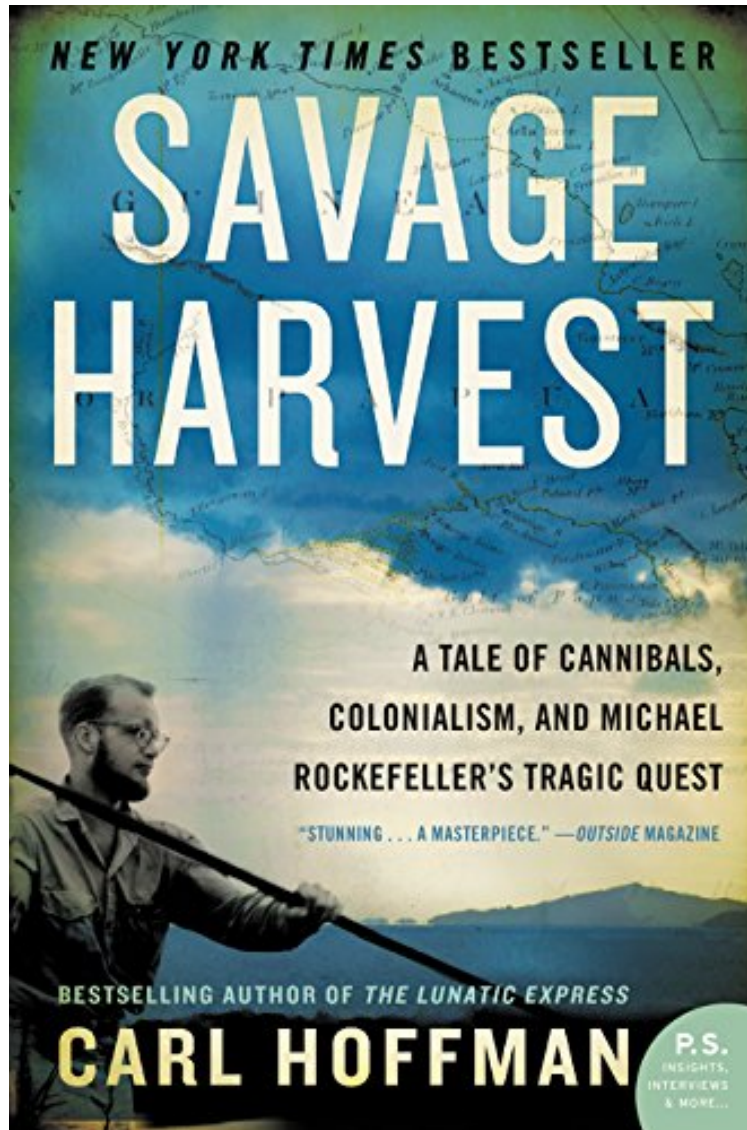


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written, interesting and convincing investigation into a famous and mysterious death. I had never read about New Guinea and the reasons that some people practiced cannibalism. It is fascinating that it is such a spiritual practice. I'm so glad that I read this book and now will probably read more on the subject. I also feel sadness and sympathy for so many native people who have had their way of life ripped away from them by "civilized" (usually white Europeans) that think the only correct way to live is their way. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. First person account, history and discovery  
By cmcbrooks I loved this book, it was like participating in author's journey of discovery, then reviewing the events leading up to Michael Rockefeller's disappearance. He does an amazing job of taking you to the Asmat villages, their daily experiences, their daily lives, their need for balance in the world, and their long memories. By the end of the book the author seems to write it off as the triumph of the Western world, but I don't think so. I am unsettled having finished the book, that balance has not yet been restored. I see Michael Rockefeller's killing as a revenge killing, but it wasn't enough to restore balance for the 4 military leaders killed by Lapre back in 1958. So - I think their unsettled spirit will live on. I was fascinated by the Dutch colonial power, how Christianity entered in, all of this was new territory for me and quite interesting. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. going to great lengths to get the story here and "solve" this ...  
By Bill Smith For fans of extreme travel narrative and anthropological true crime. Hoffman is an engaging writer and an intrepid traveler, going to great lengths to get the story here and "solve" this historical whodunit. In interspersing his own travels to these remote island civilizations with the real life journey of Michael Rockefeller, he builds suspense throughout the book. His manner of viscerally presenting cultural insights and the clash of civilizations here bring the reader face to face with the taboo topic of cannibalism - yet he does so with nuance and historical clarity making the practice (almost) understandable. That may be the most chilling achievement of this excellent book.

On November 21, 1961, Michael C. Rockefeller, the twenty-three-year-old son of New York governor Nelson Rockefeller, vanished off the coast of southwest New Guinea when his boat capsized. He was on a collecting expedition for the Museum of Primitive Art, and his partner who stayed with the boat and was later rescued shared Michael's final words as he swam for help: "I think I can make it." Despite exhaustive searches, no trace of Michael was ever found. Soon after his disappearance, rumors surfaced that he'd made it to shore, where he was then killed and eaten by the local Asmat native tribe of warriors whose complex culture was built around sacred, reciprocal violence, headhunting, and ritual cannibalism. The Dutch government and the Rockefeller family vehemently denied the story, and Michael's death was officially ruled a drowning. But doubts lingered and sensational stories circulated, fueling speculation and intrigue for decades. Now, award-winning journalist Carl Hoffman reveals startling new evidence that finally tells the full, astonishing story. Retracing Michael's steps, Hoffman traveled to the jungles of New Guinea, immersing himself in a world of former headhunters and cannibals, secret spirits and customs, and getting to know generations of Asmat. Through exhaustive archival research, he uncovered hundreds of pages of never-before-seen original documents and located witnesses willing to speak publicly for the first time in fifty years. *Savage Harvest* is at once a mesmerizing whodunit and a fascinating portrait of the clash between two civilizations that resulted in the death of one of America's richest and most powerful scions.

.com An Best Book of the Month, March 2014: I think I can make it. In 1961, while on an expedition to collect pieces for his father's Museum of Primitive Art, Michael Rockefeller and his traveling companion were plunged into the warm waters off New Guinea. The billionaire scion tied two empty gas cans to his body for floatation and swam for shore, and by most accounts, he made it. But what happened there, when he encountered members of the Asmat tribe--a culture marked by ritual violence and cannibalism--has been long debated. Did he disappear into the tropical jungles, or was he rendered and eaten by the tribesmen, as many speculated and the Rockefeller family long denied? Award-winning journalist Carl Hoffman has stepped into Rockefeller's boot prints and Asmat society, interviewing generations of warriors in an exhaustive and engrossing attempt to solve the mystery. The result, *Savage Harvest*, succeeds not only as a captivating and sensational puzzle, but also as a (seemingly unlikely) modern adventure and a fascinating glimpse of an anachronistic people pulled into the 20th century by the tensions of global politics. So, did he make it? The title might offer a clue. --Jon Foro Simon Winchester [View larger](#)