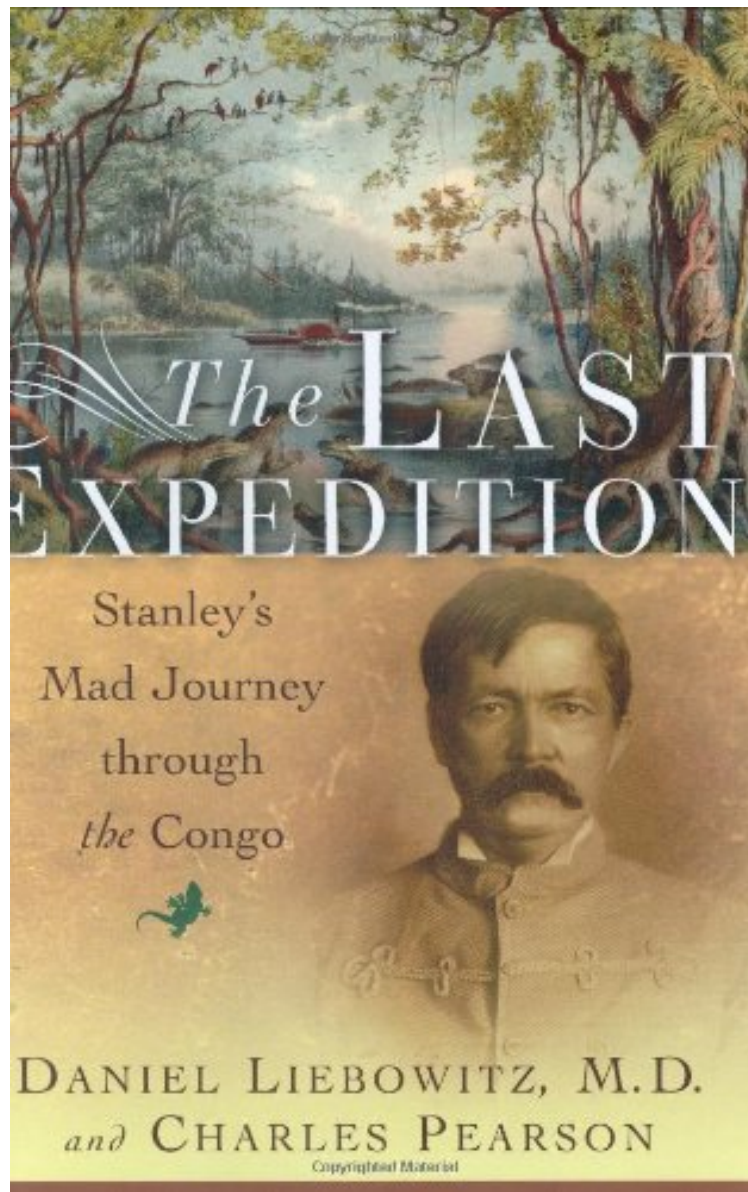


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Charles Pearson, Daniel Liebowitz : The Last Expedition: Stanley's Mad Journey Through the Congo before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Last Expedition: Stanley's Mad Journey Through the Congo:

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Traces Henry Morton Stanley's three-year African expedition that was launched with the official intention of rescuing Emin Pasha, governor of the southern Sudan, in an account that reveals Stanley's secret agenda of territorial expansion.

From Publishers Weekly In this engrossing chronicle of a noble rescue mission turned sour, the monstrosities come as often from its central character as they do from the forests of Equatoria that he and his officers explored. Henry Morton Stanley (1841-1904) was "an unwanted bastard" who became arguably the Victorian era's greatest explorer. Liebowitz, a retired physician, and TV documentary writer Pearson reason convincingly that the shame of Stanley's Dickensian childhood gave rise to his hunger for glory and his nonexistent empathy: almost prerequisites for the 1886-1889 mission (to rescue the governor of Equatoria, now the southern part of Sudan) that was the pretext for Stanley's expedition. The authors move to great effect between the record of events in Stanley's journal and those of his officers. The book becomes slightly tedious in its overly detailed slog through the three-year trek, in which a key colleague went mad, a good half of the expedition died and the survivors arrived too late. After almost 300 lugubrious pages, the final chapters relating the aftermath of the expedition make for quicker, if no less dark, reading. This account may have too much logistical minutiae for mass appeal, but history buffs and students of colonial and African studies will find it purposefully harrowing. Agent, Inkwell Management. (July 25) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist In 1887, Henry Stanley set out to rescue Mehemet Emin Pasha, governor of the southern Sudan, from the Islamic jihad. Known as the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, it took three years; thousands of dollars; and the lives of several hundred, if not several thousand people, to rescue Emin Pasha from Equatoria. The expedition shot, burned, and looted its way across Africa. Stanley returned to London and a hero's welcome, but later praise for Stanley was undercut by criticism and controversy about the expedition and about his book, *In Darkest Africa*. The authors indicate that some likened Stanley's militaristic approach to that of a latter-day conquistador, treating the native people he encountered as so many impediments to be exploited or brushed aside with whatever force was necessary. In the end, London's social and political elite believed Stanley to be a "scruffy little Welsh bastard." Liebowitz and Pearson offer an in-depth and fascinating account of this eminent explorer who, we learn, had his dark side. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. An in-depth and fascinating account of this eminent explorer who, we learn, had his dark side. - George Cohen, Booklist