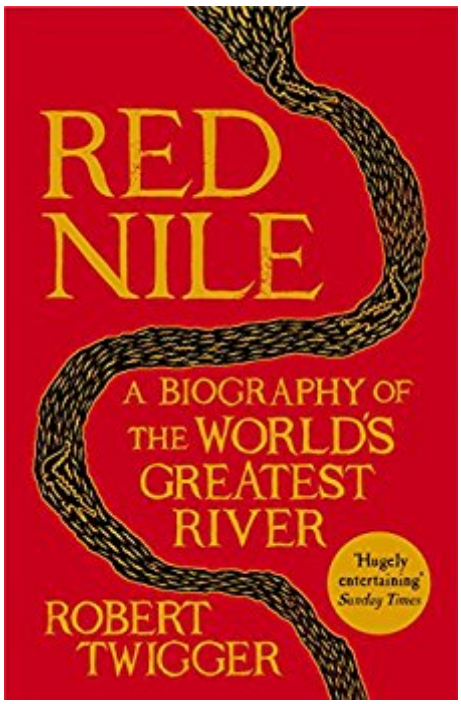
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A rip-roaring yet intimate biography of the mighty Nile by Robert Twigger, award-winning author of ANGRY WHITE PYJAMAS. 'A tour de force' FINANCIAL TIMES.So much begins on the banks of the Nile: all religion, all life, all stories, the script we write in, the language we speak, the gods, the legends and the names of stars. This mighty river that flows through a quarter of all Africa has been history's most sustained creator.In this dazzling, idiosyncratic journey from ancient times to the Arab Spring, award-winning author Robert Twigger weaves a Nile narrative like no other. As he navigates a meandering course through the history of the world's greatest river, he plucks the most intriguing, colourful and dramatic stories - truly a Nile red in tooth and claw.The result is both an epic journey through the whole sweep of human and pre-human history, and an intimate biography of the curious life of this great river, overflowing with stories of excess, love, passion, splendour and violence.

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Twigger is an excellent story teller with a great story to tell which he does with brio!A true biography of the longest river in the world.I am an avid reader with a good memory and interest in History and I must say he wrote a history that I was not fully aware of.Fascinating personalities populate his book,

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Highly engaging and informative, this work ranges from Pharaonic times to Napoleon, and from Alexander the Great to Anwar Sadat and the Arab Spring. Not a straightforward ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“what-led-to-what, and whenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• historical rendering, but a succession of sub-stories about the complex connections of the Nile with native and European peoples and their cultures, settlements and cities, wars, inventions, religions, and allegiances. One comes away with a deep sense of the demanding physical conditions of the Nile Basin, along with the flora and fauna of the entire region, as well as the profound ecological impact of specific engineering decisions on the African continent.

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Book like new. Terrific story and a nice condensation of several explorer books I’ve read

Fun and informative to read with some mildly naughty bits too. Decent illustrations.

Brilliant. A true polymath masterpiece.

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A great pleasure to find. Triggers book is an Odyssey, a very readable exploration of the Nile River as it has influenced 5000 years of history. Well researched and filled with anecdotes trivia and

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