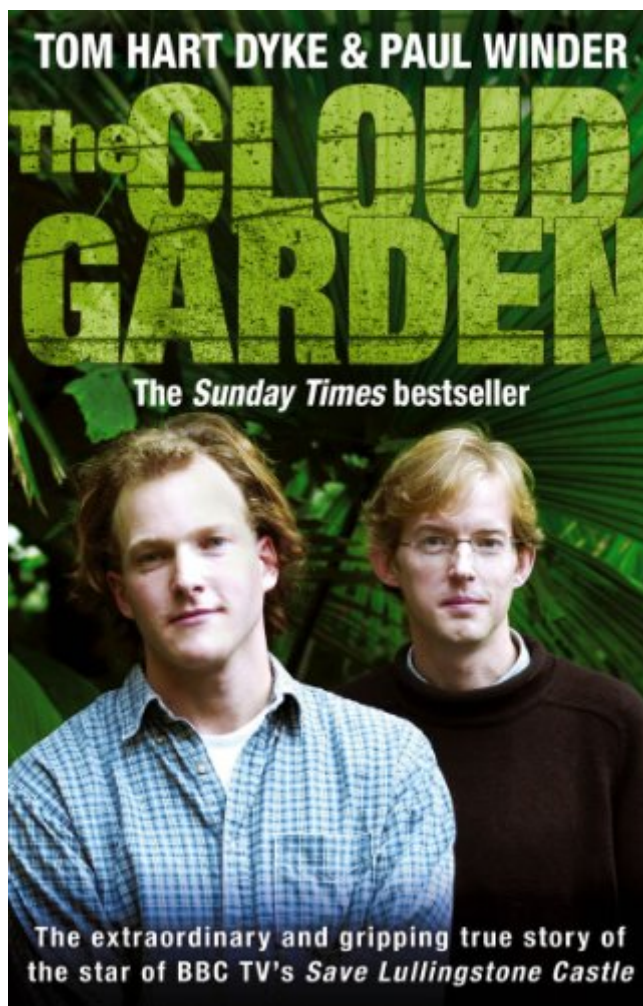


The book was found

The Cloud Garden



Synopsis

The Dari n Gap is a place of legend. The only break in the Pan-American highway, which runs from Alaska to the tip of South America, it is an almost impregnable strip of swamp, jungle and cloud forest between the vast landmasses of North and South America. Stories of abduction and murder there are rife and in recent years more people have successfully climbed Everest or trekked to the South Pole than have crossed the Dari n Gap. In 2000, Tom Hart Dyke, a young botanist, set off to Central America with one thing on his mind: orchids. He knew that in order to find the rare and beautiful species he so fervently admired, he would have to visit some of the most inhospitable places on earth. Unbeknown to Tom, another young explorer, Paul Winder, was backpacking through the area at the same time. Though he sometimes worked freelance in the City of London, Paul was a fearless and intrepid traveller, happier scaling volcanoes than lounging on beaches. In every bar and caf  along his route, rumours abounded of the Dari n Gap - and the more he heard, the greater became his desire to make the journey. Pure chance brought Paul and Tom together in northern Mexico; they formed an instant bond and their fate was sealed. Ignoring a final, succinct warning from the Lonely Planet guide - 'Don't even think about it!' - Tom and Paul set off into the Dari n: Tom in search of orchids, Paul in search of adventure. They would find plenty of each. For six days they made good progress. Then, just hours away from Colombia, the dream ended and the horror began. Paul and Tom were ambushed by FARC guerrillas who were to hold them hostage for the next nine months. From that day on, their survival was a matter of extraordinary endurance, incredible ingenuity and not a little good luck ...

Book Information

File Size: 1129 KB

Print Length: 402 pages

Publisher: Transworld Digital; New edition edition (March 30, 2011)

Publication Date: March 30, 2011

Sold by:  Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B004SOYWSU

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #896,001 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #66

inÂ Books > History > Americas > Central America > Panama #90 inÂ Books > Travel > South America > Colombia #137 inÂ Books > History > Americas > South America > Colombia

Customer Reviews

This is the true story of two world travelers â ” one an adventure junkie, the other obsessed with orchids, who came from different areas of England but by chance meet up in a restaurant in Central America. Falling into easy conversation, Paul mentions his desire to travel the Darien Gap, the only untraveled portion of the Pan-American Highway. Numerous travel guides urge travelers to avoid this area at all costs. It falls right smack in the middle of jungle terrain full of guerilla & paramilitary camps. There are endless stories of people entering the area but never being seen again. Paul & Tom decided to risk it anyway. Tom had visions of all the rare orchid varieties he was bound to discover in the lush, wild jungle while Tom was drawn to the thrill of successfully traveling an area that put off so many. So they set out in March of 2000 with a couple of hired guides, figuring the trek â ” starting in Panama, traveling through the Gap and ending up in Colombia â ” would only be a few days, and they figured the local guides could help them avoid the more dangerous portions of the the Gap. Paul & Tom were a couple of the lucky ones. Yeah, spoiler here â ” they made it out! :-p But not before they were held captive by a group of guerilla soldiers for 9 months in various camps throughout the jungle. When they came out, they were told by a member of the British Embassy that it was assumed they had been killed because no one survives in that area for that long. Tom & Paulâ™s kidnappers demand 3 million dollars for their release. Both men try to explain that no one has that kind of ransom money to pony up for them so they are kept hostage for months while the guerillas try to figure out a way to get their money.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Graphic Designer's Digital Toolkit: A Project-Based Introduction to Adobe Photoshop Creative Cloud, Illustrator Creative Cloud & InDesign Creative Cloud (Stay Current with Adobe Creative Cloud) Indoor Gardening: 12 Creative Gardening Tips on Garden Design. Discover the Ultimate Small Garden Ideas for Creating the Garden of Your Dreams (Indoor Gardening, garden design, indoor plants) Oracle Cloud Pocket Solutions Guide: Real Life Solutions for Oracle Cloud Oracle Database Cloud Cookbook with Oracle Enterprise Manager 13c Cloud Control Adobe Dreamweaver Creative Cloud Revealed (Stay Current with Adobe Creative Cloud) Adobe InDesign Creative Cloud Revealed (Stay Current with Adobe Creative Cloud) Exploring Adobe InDesign Creative Cloud (Stay

Current with Adobe Creative Cloud) Understanding Cloud, IoT and Big data (Cloud, IoT & Big Data: Basic To AWS SA Professional Book 1) Cloud Computing for Complete Beginners: Building and Scaling High-Performance Web Servers on the Cloud An overview of Cloud Computing and Cloud Ready Application Development Securing the Cloud: Cloud Computer Security Techniques and Tactics In the Land of the Long White Cloud (In the Land of the Long White Cloud saga Book 1) Northwest Top 10 Garden Guide: The 10 Best Roses, 10 Best Trees--the 10 Best of Everything You Need - The Plants Most Likely to Thrive in Your Garden ... Most Important Tasks in the Garden Each Month Garden of Secrets Past: An English Garden Mystery (English Garden Mysteries) The Garden Journal, Planner and Log Book: Repeat successes & learn from mistakes with complete personal garden records. 28 adaptable year-round forms, ... (The Garden Journal Log Books) (Volume 1) The Cloud Garden Handmade Garden Projects: Step-by-Step Instructions for Creative Garden Features, Containers, Lighting and More Garden Made: A Year of Seasonal Projects to Beautify Your Garden and Your Life The New Western Garden Book: The Ultimate Gardening Guide (Sunset Western Garden Book (Paper)) The Water-Saving Garden: How to Grow a Gorgeous Garden with a Lot Less Water

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)