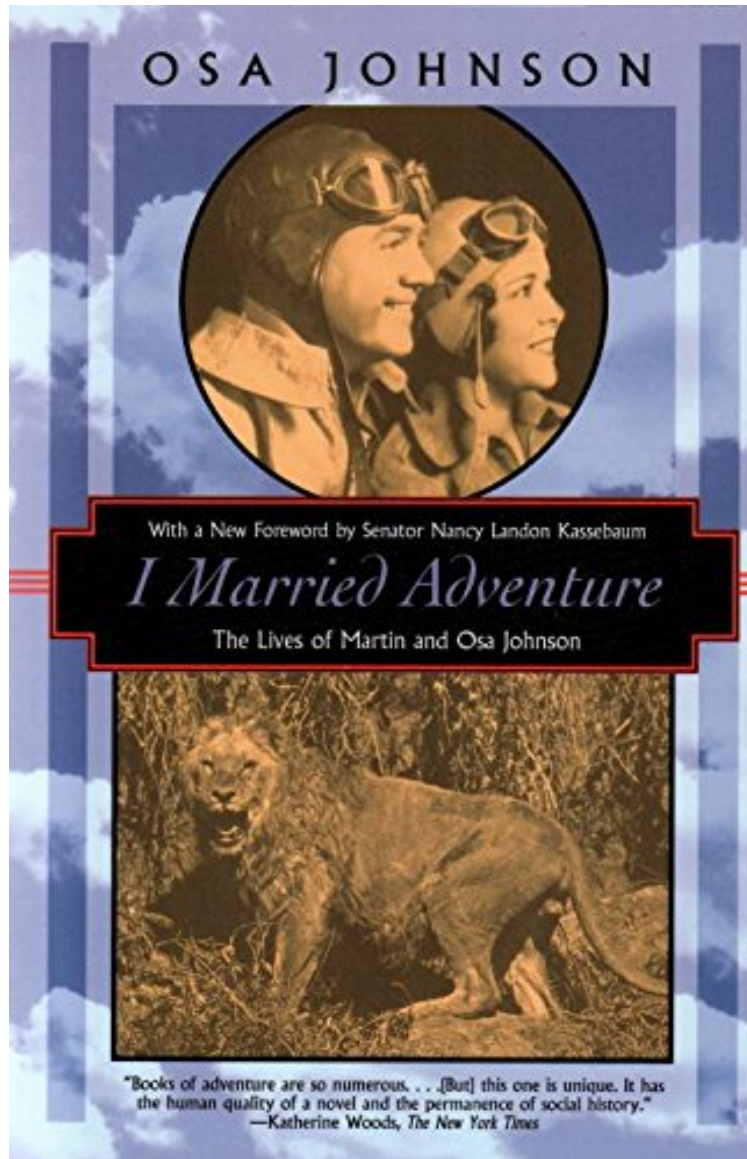


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BethAnne This book is absolutely charming. It takes place in such a different world than ours, with uncharted islands, exotic tribes and wild animals. If you love travel, and especially love the more romantic aspects of sailing off to new places and having adventures, you'll love this offering. The narrative is definitely dated. Osa is a product of her time and environment, and as such, she holds some views that would be extremely offensive today. I cringed frequently reading her descriptions of various natives, although it did help to read that she regarded herself, as a woman, as an equally lesser being. (Of course, I don't mean that women really are lesser beings -- or natives, for that matter -- only that her views on race, class and gender meshed with her contemporaries across the board, and she wasn't just a horrible racist.) Over and over again, I thought that Pixar must have grabbed the idea for *Up* from this book. The Johnson's plane is called the Spirit of Adventure, Jack London's boat is the snark and their hideaway in Africa sounds suspiciously like Paradise Falls (which I know is based on a location in South America, but I'm speaking more to the spirit of the thing.) For a good, old-fashioned adventure story, *I Married Adventure* is a lovely way to spend an afternoon. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I love this book By Jessica B Hunter I love this book! I had never even heard of these people (Martin and Osa) until my grandma gave me this book for my birthday in high school. I was hooked! Its now one of my favorites and I love to reread whenever I have a chance. There is so much adventure and just the right touch of glamour, and the book does not focus on negative things, but also does not gloss over them, just keeps moving along, onto the next adventure these two had (and they had a ton!!). Absolutely fascinating, and I highly recommend it! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is a wonderful true classic adventure By Sylvia B This is a wonderful true classic adventure.....I thoroughly enjoyed reading this....I could not put it down until I was finished with the book.....And I wished it would have not ended, it was that good!!

A CLASSIC MEMOIR OF TWO PIONEERING ADVENTURERS Before Joy Adamson went to Africa, before Margaret Mead sailed to Samoa, before Dian Fossey was even born, a Kansas teenager named Osa Leighty married Martin Johnson, a pioneering photographer just back from a round-the-world cruise with Jack London. Together the Johnsons flew and sailed to Borneo, to Kenya, and to the Congo, filming Simba and other popular nature movies with Martin behind the camera and Osa holding her rifle at the ready in case the scenes big game star should turn hostile. This bestselling memoir retraces their careers in rich detail, with precisely observed descriptions and often heart-stopping anecdotes. Illustrated with scores of the dramatic photos that made the Johnsons famous, its a book sure to delight every lover of true adventure.

.com Osa Johnson's travel adventures and explorations come across as vibrantly today as they did when they were written in 1940. They're richer now with the added perspective of history, and the added wealth of Martin Johnson's photographs of charging elephants, reposing lions, and head hunters roasting heads, marshmallow-like, over a campfire. The life the Johnsons led was nothing like the life Osa expected. From 1917 to 1937 she and Martin were visiting and filming cannibals in the New Hebrides, orangutans in Borneo, and the rich gamut of wildlife available on safari in Kenya and the Congo. Osa led a life the likes of which won't be seen again, and she tells a good story, too. "books of adventure are so numerous.[But] this one is unique. It has the human quality of a novel and the permanence of social history." Katherine Woods, *The New York Times* "Tells the whole story unaffectedly and with a simple charm that is highly engaging. It belongs on any list of Americana, for the Johnsons were as American as Davy Crockett." Joseph Wood Krutch, *The Nation* "A pleasant, forthright exciting book." Clifton Fadiman, *The New Yorker* "It makes good reading at this dark hour, as good an escape story as you are apt to run into for some time." *Atlantic Monthly* "I MARRIED ADVENTURE is a fine book on many counts A good travel book, a good adventure book, a good book about animals, a good book on photography, and , best of all a good human story about two extremely likable people, told by one of them with simplicity, humor, [and] warmth." Rose Feld, *Books* "It isn't just the animal-lover who will cherish this story. Anyone who likes a thrilling tale (a true one, too) with a plucky, nervy, cheerful, and charming hero and heroine is all set. I MARRIED ADVENTURE is as rare and real as the people who made it possible." Olga Owens, *Boston Transcript* "The reader is impressed with the tremendous industriousness of these two people, their physical endurance, their patience, their understanding of animals and natives, and their love for each other.[The] old and young will enjoy this book. It is splendidly illustrated." M.N. Baker, *Library Journal* "Every page of her book is readable and exciting: the photographs are plentiful and have all the dramatic quality that we are used to in the camera work of the author and her husband." *Manchester Guardian* About the Author OSA JOHNSON was born in 1893 in Chanute, Kansas. She married Martin Johnson in 1910 and accompanied him on all of his expeditions until 1937, when he was killed in a commercial airline crash. In 1940 she published *I Married Adventure*, which became a worldwide bestseller, and established the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute, Kansas.