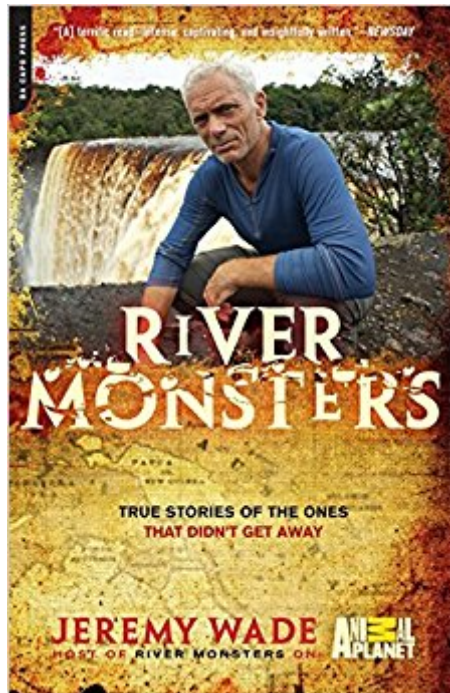




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# River Monsters: True Stories Of The Ones That Didn't Get Away



## Synopsis

Called "the greatest angling explorer of his generation" (Independent on Sunday), Jeremy Wade takes viewers where no wildlife program has gone before. Now Wade goes truly beneath the surface, disclosing full details of how he catches each species and recounting the off-camera highlights of his extraordinary life. From his arrest as a suspected spy in Southeast Asia to a plane crash in the rainforest, every page of the Wall Street Journal bestseller *River Monsters* is packed with adventure. From the heart of the Congo to the depths of the , Wade reels in fish of staggering proportions and terrifying demeanor for an unforgettable read.

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## Customer Reviews

Outside "Fishing may be a hobby to you, but for Jeremy Wade, host of *Animal Planet's* *River Monsters*, it's a way of life. Wade scours the rivers of the world for the stuff of legend, and we're lucky enough to bear witness. Viewers have seen him catch a lot of big fish . . . but most of the thrill comes from watching the hunt." •Library Journal, 8/1/12 •Compelling. •

The host of *River Monsters*, Jeremy Wade has also worked as a science teacher, newspaper reporter, and advertising copywriter, and has written for publications including *The Times*, *Guardian*, *Sunday Telegraph*, and *BBC Wildlife* magazine. He lives in southern England.

Jeremy Wade manages to excel as both an angler and a TV host, and now you can add writer. I love the show on *Animal Planet* and had been searching in vain for the first book he wrote without

success so I was thrilled to see this. The book more than met my expectations. I could not put it down. It was fascinating to get more detail on the places he went to earlier, more fish biology, and of course his adventures from his TV program. Part of the reason I like him so much is his stance as a true conservationist and fish lover- the sport comes after he is sure he is doing everything as humanely as possible. I am still not sure if even catch and release fish enjoy the process, but if they are lucky, they will be caught by Jeremy Wade. I also enjoy that he adds details about fish psychology; it's interesting for me (as a non-angler) to read about how fish have different characters and reactions to different kinds of events. All in all, my only complaint about this book is that it was too short. Another couple hundred pages would have been ideal for me. I hope this book is widely popular and it leads to the reissue of his first book.

Let me just start by saying I really didn't want to read this book. I have watched the TV show and find it interesting, but I wasn't all that excited about reading a companion book to the series. Really..we had Unhooked as well..and I was sure this was another way to cash in on the RM series. However, I am glad I decided to read it. It is actually very well written and even quite funny at times. Mr. Wade comes across as down to earth and even a bit self-deprecating at times. It's nice to see someone that actually enjoys what they do and is unjaded by their success(so far).

Bought this book in vg shape and I have to say it is awesome. Book is in superb condition. If you like watching river monsters ,you will love this book

I stumbled upon the River Monsters series quite by accident not too long ago (I don't watch much TV), and I was immediately captivated by it -- so much so that I downloaded the Kindle version of this book. I was quickly caught up in the lively adventures of Jeremy writing about the elusive creatures living in the various rivers around the world where he has traveled. The book is a fascinating read and highly entertaining, not to mention informative. I have learned about species that I had no idea existed, and they are as terrifying as they are interesting to learn about. I have not fished all that much, so I don't feel as if you have to be an angler or sportsman to enjoy this book immensely. My main interests lean towards graphic and web design and digital art, which is about as far away from fishing in these remote areas as you can get. I suppose that makes quite a statement on how quickly Jeremy can draw in an audience -- both on television and through his writing -- regardless of their hobbies, interests or gender (I am a woman). I used to fish with my father in Alaska for salmon and halibut, and then did some shore fishing during the many years I

lived on Maui, but that is about the extent of it. Jeremy has a way of retelling his intriguing adventures that draws you in immediately. I highly recommend this awesome book -- and the tv series. You will LOVE it!

Even with the good reviews, I didn't have high expectations for this book. I thought it would be, largely, a retelling of the various television episodes (and I'm a big fan of the show). Thankfully, this book is a lot more. My favorite part of the book is actually one of the least voluminous aspects of it: The glimpses we get into how Jeremy Wade got to where he is today, as well as some of his philosophical views. Mr. Wade is very much a wanderlust type; he has spent most of his life trying to find some small degree of life comfort in the hobby he loves--fishing, and more specifically, fishing for unusual creatures. Wade comes across as a down-to-earth, conscientious person and, I dare say, I think he's an inspiration to those who are beyond their youth and still searching for their interesting niche in life. Despite losing a girlfriend (perhaps more than one?), living in near-poverty for years, and having friends and family express some degree of concern about the direction of his life, he kept following his dream year after year...decade after decade. I, for one, am very happy he has finally achieved some degree of success. Again, it's an inspiration for others in similar circumstances, and hopefully he will write more about his life's journey in the future. Other good things about the book: (a) Many interesting and/or funny travel stories; (b) more details about the events of the tv episodes (e.g., when he popped a tendon trying to pull up a big stingray; (c) brief and interesting backgrounds about the culture & politics of some of the places he's been; and (d) some "fishing" science for us non-pros, e.g., why a 20 lb. line can bring up a much heavier fish. I highly recommend this book....and if you can read it by a campfire, so much the better!

I'll let all the other 5 star reviews speak for themselves as far as the contents are concerned. This is an extremely insightful book offering interesting information not available on the video episodes. However, I had to dock two stars just to make notification that the pages were printed out of sequence. If you read and suddenly find yourself saying "Huh?" then it's because you've read through the wrong pages. Specifically, page 15 should continue to page 21 (not page 16)... page 21 continues to page 16... and page 20 to page 22 (not page 21). Hope they correct the next edition. This is in reference to the "Copyright 2011...First De Capo Press paperback edition 2012."

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