Summary for: *Stalking the Wild Dik-Dik*

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*Stalking the Wild Dik-Dik* was about “One Woman’s Solo Misadventures Across Africa.” The title is somewhat misleading. The book is not about stalking the elusive, Chihuahua sized antelope. In fact this animal is not elusive at all. The book is really about Marie Janvins’s expedition to see what wildlife Africa has to offer.

This book starts with a simple woman starting her journey in Africa. She is the owner and operator of her site called mariesworldtour.com. Her name is Marie Janvins. She is riding a bus to the city Murchison, Africa. The nights before had been full of diarrhea, vomiting, and “other less-than-pleasant symptoms.”

As Marie progress’s onward she heads into Namibia, which is in southern Africa, for her next adventure. In Namibia Marie went animal watching in the “Crazy Kudu.” It was on this trip that she saw Giraffes, Warthogs, Zebras, Oryx, and Kudu. Then during this trip is where they saw the scariest…. Meanest…. Biggest…. 2ft. tall Dik-Dik’s that anyone has ever seen!!! One of them was hiding behind a tree the other was behind a bush.

Then while she was in Africa a terrible tragedy struck… one that would scar America forever….

Recommendation

I thought the book was ehh? It could have been a lot better if the title wasn’t so misleading! I thought the book was about trying to find the elusive Dik-Dik but no it was about much of Africa’s wildlife. But there were many other reason’s to.

For example the author took up 10 pages explaining the different sounds of a gorilla fart…. She said “I sat there for 40 minutes listening to the silverback gorillas fart…” I mean? Really? I thought she was crazy? And before this she went on talking about these gorillas mating… enough said.

Also I thought the book was very run on. By that I mean she would not stop talking about any one thing for a while. Eventually that got very annoying. I do not need to get into how you were feeling and what came out and how it smelled when you felt that way. The book felt like it was a twisted child with a type writer who wanted to tell the world what it is like when gorillas fart or when he poops.

So as you can guess I thought the book was gorilla farts and child poop. But I also like to argue so I also thought the book had a good side to. Everyone knows it is hard to write a book. The author was obviously explaining what was happening and it is not always interesting every moment of everyday.

The book did have its “wow I can’t believe that happened!” moments. For example in the beginning Marie finds herself being charged by a hippo. Then later on she is on a horse racing a charging elephant. She then realizes she lost her sun glasses and returns back to the elephant to get them.

All in all I didn’t think the book was the best but it had its moments. I wouldn’t personally recommend it but I think if you are going on a long and very boring trip this book will take the “very” out of “very boring” so the trip can be more tolerable.