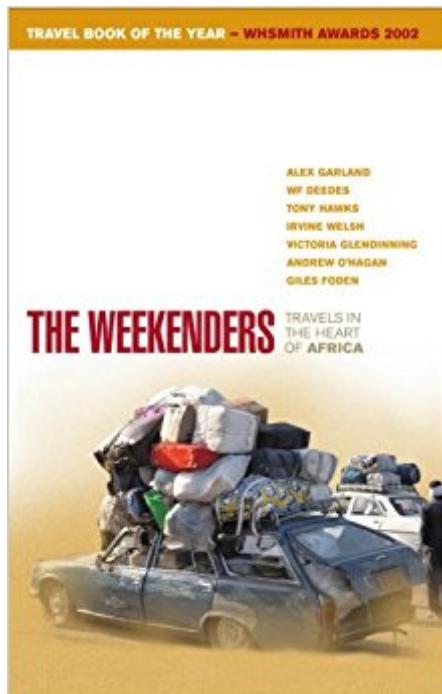


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# The Weekenders: Travels In The Heart Of Africa



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What would happen if you took some of Britain's best writing talent, put them on a plane and flew them to one of the most extraordinary and inaccessible places on the planet? What would happen if you took Irvine Welsh from the streets of Edinburgh and showed him a remote, dangerous village in Africa? Or if you flew Alex Garland into one of the world's most hazardous war zones? And how would Tony Hawks react if you dragged him away from his tennis and asked him to write a song with a Sudanese tribesman? With Victoria Glendinning, Andrew O'Hagan, Giles Foden and WF Deedes, these writers have experienced for themselves one of the most beautiful and yet troubled lands in the world - Sudan. This remarkable collection of short stories and evocative travel writing is their response - as diverse and unpredictable as the country itself.

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All of the writers are bestselling authors and critically acclaimed.

Good Book

This incisive, insightful collection is what happens when several writers skilled at their craft and keen to travel are brought to the Sudan and asked to write stories based on the experience. Tony Hawks, best known to me for his 'Round Ireland With A Fridge' wrote, typically, of his excursion and companions. Other authors gave us a chilling, gentle ghost story of two boys playing and watching two men assessing a ruined, war-destroyed school. Or a long journey through the bush with a

reluctant taxi man who begins to weep as he realises that he has made the wrong decision, and his passengers have the weapons. Or we learn how the oil extraction has caused the poisonous snakes to move from the affected part of the country into areas where people and animals live. This is not a cheerful collection, but it is worth reading to develop an understanding of some of the appalling problems facing this region. Authors include Victoria Glendenning and Giles Foden (author of The Last King Of Scotland) who gave their time to create this book sold in aid of charity. If I recall rightly a charity to benefit was War Child which creates playgrounds in strife-torn towns and cities, so children can play safely.

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