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Both the seasoned & the arm~chair traveller will often find themselves on the edge of their seat! Having lived back~a~bush in Belize for a number of years, i can identify with so much... I have often recalled the beginning of my own journey & whispered to myself "ignorance is bliss". Everything considered, i dearly love these experiences & have an appreciation for all things i once took for granted.

In 1976, Belize was even more primitive, especially the remote jungle. The author was one of a few women who went before those of us who would come in later years. I liken her to a bushman who goes ahead of the others slashing through the jungle with his sharp machete making a clearer path for those who will follow. She teaches and inspires us by sharing her story.

Although setting out full of excitement...and exciting it was, the author left her comfort zone and all that was familiar to her. With her husband by her side and a young child to care for...striking out for a foreign, third-world country & carving out a place to live in the jungle...takes alot of courage! Especially when so many things can happen...and happen they did! I am in awe of her never~ending perseverance in the face of hardship & betrayal...to continually land on her feet and forge ahead! She seems to have had reserves of faith & inner strength that she was able to call upon and wonderful people she was destined to meet whose friendships became so dear to her and played such a valued role in every phase of her journey !!!

She so beautifully captures the essence of the country...it's diversity, history, cultures, geography, flora & fauna...the adventures & excitement, the challenges & tragedies...often heart wrenching. An unforgettable story...

An extraordinarily talented woman & exceptional writer...dedicated to helping women in all walks of life...through her own amazing story...with a spirit of adventure, sensitivity, depth of human understanding & forgiveness. You go girl !

I would give this book 10 stars if the option were available!