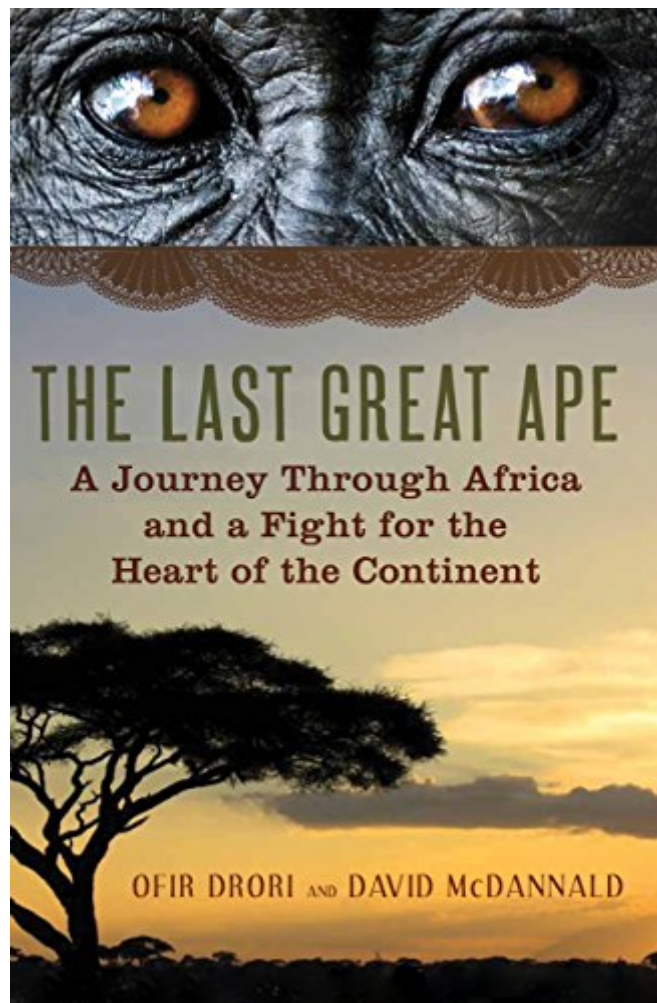




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# **The Last Great Ape: A Journey Through Africa And A Fight For The Heart Of The Continent**



## Synopsis

An epic journey through Africa by a man who fell in love with a magical and disappearing world and then transformed himself into a warrior on the front lines to protect it. Staging heart-pounding, espionage-style raids, Ofir Drori and his organization, The Last Great Ape (LAGA), have put countless poachers and traffickers of endangered species behind bars, and they have fought back against a Kafkaesque culture of corruption. Before Ofir arrived in Cameroon, no one had ever even tried. The Last Great Ape follows a young Ofir on fantastical adventures as he crosses remote African lands by camel, on a horse, and in dug-out canoes, while living with exotic tribes and struggling against nature at its rawest: charging elephants and hyenas, flash floods, and the need to eat river algae and snails to stay alive. The story moves from places of extreme beauty to those of the darkest horror: the war zones of Sierra Leone and Liberia. Ofir begins to work as a photojournalist in order to expose his shocking encounter with war victims and child soldiers. His experiences forge in him a resolution to become an activist and to fight for justice. The search for a cause eventually leads him to Cameroon. When Ofir discovers that no one is fighting to disprove Jane Goodall's dark prophesy that apes in the wild will be extinct in twenty years, he decides that he is the man to step in; because he knows he can make a difference, he sees it as his responsibility. And LAGA is born. The Last Great Ape is a story of the fight against extinction and the tragedy of endangered worlds, not just of animals but of people struggling to hold onto their culture. The book reveals the intense beauty and strife that exist side by side in Africa, and Ofir makes the case that activism and dedication to a cause are still relevant in a cynical modern world. This dramatic story is one of courage and hope and, most importantly, a search for meaning.

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Poorly organized and written. First half of the book is a meandering travel journal. Great apes are barely mentioned. I admire the man's work, but he can't write

Touching, piercing

Very interesting book, about Africa, Ofir, but most important, about activism!

Amazing biography - I follow Ofir Drory on FB, but this background is an incredible story. Loved it and applaud his work.

I normally don't read much non-fiction and I know so little about Africa, but I found this book to be very compelling. I hope the publicity will help the cause. The dialog was so well written that I could actually 'see' what the authors were talking about. You will finish the book in just a few days!

, I purchased the book for my niece who works with the gorillas at a large zoo and I am sure she will like the book and the very important issues we should be aware of for all our sakes. As always thank you for your prompt service and quality of your products offered to all of us! Lois Davis

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Excellent book. Following life journey of an activist in the making, with its strengths, weaknesses and contradictions. Worth the reading.

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