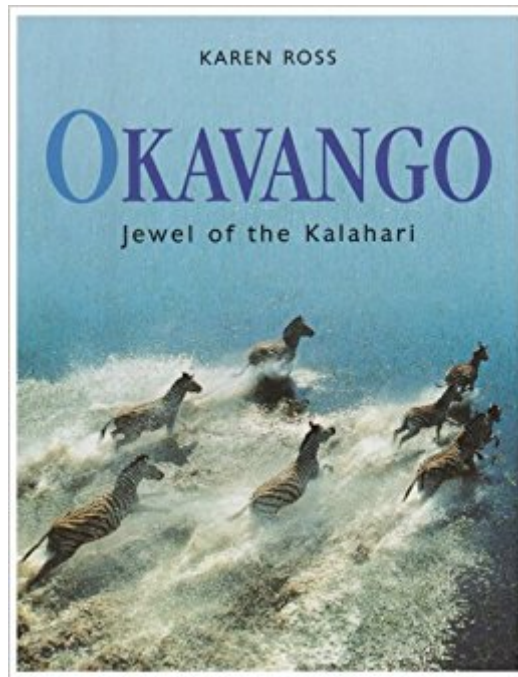




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Synopsis

This book revisits this extraordinary wetland created by the Okavango River as it spills and spreads over the Kalahari sands of northern Botswana. Illustrated with over 170 colour photographs of the many faces of the Delta and its woodland and desert surrounds, this is a book for all who yearn for the wilderness.

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Customer Reviews

Adrian Bailey and Robyn Keene-Young's OKAVANGO: A JOURNEY is a gorgeous picture celebration packing in full-page color photos of the Okavango's wildlife on every page. Don't expect lots of description here - this is the perfect compact coffee table book for any with an affection for African wildlife. (Midwest Book Review)

A well-known conservationist, Karen Ross has spent a major part of the last two decades living, breathing and fighting for the Okavango. Her book, which generated the now common term Jewel of the Kalahari, was first published as a companion piece to a BBC documentary with the same title, which she researched and wrote. She has a doctorate in wildlife ecology and is employed by Conservation International, a major conservation force world-wide.

I am going to the Okavango delta in about a week. Bought several books to learn more about the areas I am going to visit. This book impressed me the most, because the knowledge I acquired through its reading. As the author mixes information of the landscape and climate with the descriptio

of the behaviour of different animals, it painted such a vivid image that it is easy now for me to remember that jackals mate for life and both strongly help raise their young, that Baobabs store incredible amounts of water and shrink considerably in the dry season. How acacias become nutritious food through their leaves, seed pods and flowers. How a secretary bird kills snakes, and a poetic description of how the rains bestow life to a thirsty environment. The Kalahari comes to life through this book, like no other I have read on the subject. Highly recommended if you want to know more about the subject, and want fluid prose.

Northern Botswana has a harsh environment, with torrid summers, chilly winters, unreliable rainfall, and infertile soils. Yet it is home to the Okavango Delta, which is one of the greatest havens for wildlife in Africa. Karen Ross has produced a wealth of information about the ecology, geology, and history of this important area.

This is a superb book about a little known region. Whether to bring back memories of a trip, or plan for a future journey, or just to enjoy -- highly recommended.

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