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Vivid Memoir Explores the Seductive Allure of an African Wildlife Safari

Endangered Liaisons, a coffee-table book by Don Shay, draws upon twenty years of African travel experiences to take readers on the ultimate wildlife safari.

Twenty years ago, writer-photographer Don Shay embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience that would prove to be anything but. Armed with two new cameras and a carry-on packed with film, he set forth on a photographic safari to Africa. Captivated by the wild animals and wild places he found there, Shay returned nearly every year over the course of two decades, delving deeper and deeper into the continent's wilderness regions and game reserves.

In this vibrant memoir, Shay presents the life-and-death contests of predators and prey, details his close encounters with some of the planet's most critically endangered species, and examines the intoxicating and seductive allure that has drawn him again and again to the savannas, waterways and deserts of Africa.

Shay, who had the idea for the book shortly after his first trip in 1987, has spent more than ten years bringing the project to fruition. "Most Africa coffee-table books are primarily photography books. Those with any measure of text are usually written, not by the photographer, but by some learned authority who may do an excellent job of imparting information, but often in a dry, academic manner. I wanted this book to be different. And while there are many photos – 238 of them culled from the thousands I have taken over the years – text-wise, my principal goal was to evoke the safari experience in an informative and entertaining manner. I wanted reading this book to be the next best thing to being on safari – something that would resonate with people who have been to Africa and with those who have not."

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of *Endangered Liaisons* will go to the African Wildlife Foundation, a conservation organization that Shay has supported for years. For more information, contact info@alaruspress.com or call (951)788-9828.

About the Author

Don Shay is the founder and publisher of *Cinefex*, a quarterly magazine on movie special effects that has been documenting motion picture technology for nearly 30 years. His book, *The Making of Jurassic Park*, co-authored with *Cinefex* editor Jody Duncan, topped the New York Times best-seller list for several weeks in 1993.