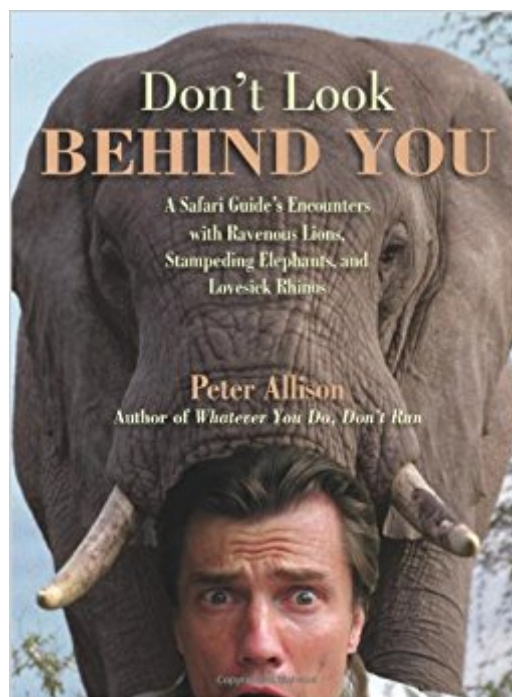




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Don't Look Behind You!: A Safari Guide's Encounters With Ravenous Lions, Stampeding Elephants, And Lovesick Rhinos



Synopsis

Incredible true tales from a world-renowned safari guide and celebrated author. Romantic notions aside, being a safari guide isn't always particularly enjoyable or glamorous. Quite often it is beset with challenges, like having to spend a night in a thorn tree with marauding hyenas below. But safari guide Peter Allison lives for such moments. Here, the author of the widely praised *Whatever You Do, Don't Run* details his time spent in safari camps not only in Botswana but also in South Africa, Mozambique, and Namibia—places he loves, despite how much it feels like they might just be trying to kill him. In *Don't Look Behind You*, Allison recounts adventures few would live to tell. Like the time he and a group of bored guides launched a makeshift raft into a foaming, flooded river teeming with hippos and crocodiles. Or the afternoon he heard monkeys telling him that a leopard was walking around the camp, and then realized the leopard was in his tent, with him in it. In addition to relating his encounters with animals, Allison shares the stories of those tourists who have long been pushing him toward early retirement. Normally respectful of all his fellow creatures no matter how many feet they have, Allison fantasizes about leaving one in particular behind on the Skeleton Coast, a place that receives less than half an inch of rain a year, and is patrolled by lions and hyenas. Join Peter Allison for another riveting, rollicking, behind-the-scenes dose of everyone's dream experience—going on safari—and come through amazed but, thankfully, without a scratch.

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Praise for *Don't Look Behind You*: "The best compliment you can pay a travel writer is to read his work and feel like you're right there with him. For more than two hundred pages, I felt like I was in Africa, up to my neck in danger. I don't even know this guy, but more than once I lay awake at night, worrying for his safety. Enough adventure, action, life lessons, and laughs to fill a movie and four sequels. The fact that Allison survived to write any of this down is a miracle in itself." --Cash Peters, author of *Naked in Dangerous Places* and *Gullible's Travels*

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Very funny book. We are going on Safari and found this book to be right on point.

A book that deserves the acronym "LOL" Because you certainly will find yourself doing this several

times as you read the adventures of Peter, the safari guide. It was so good that I quickly picked up his other paperbacks and found that the writing is fast paced, descriptive (a must when describing his encounters with the wildlife) and enjoyable. Just wish could see him churn out more of these books. And, after checking out other books by other authors who have similar experiences, he definitely sets the bar !

breathtaking!

I have been on safari and stayed a locales somewhat similar to what Peter describes here. His book is a delight, and of course very easy for me to relate to since I've experienced a bit of what he describes, and HOPE to experience much more of it when I return. For he is absolutely right when he describes the lure of Africa and safari....once bitten by the safari bug, you are destined to succumb again and again to its many charms.

I love Peter's writing, I laugh out loud, and I'm happy at home while I vicariously extract myself from all those pickles he gets himself into...I'm an armchair Safari guide, with all the perks of being at home while he is in the field.....hey it's way better than not adventuring at all! I'm a real fan by now and look forward to his next books as much for the fun and frolic as for the humor.

Hilarious, engaging, and surprisingly, the author is pleasantly humble. A great read time and time again!

Peter is a safari guide for people who shoot with cameras. He is a gifted writer with a sense of humor. Every chapter is a short story, but you get to know the people he works with and the animals he observes through his stories. I hope he considers making audio books with his Aussie accent.

first, you must know...I'm an admitted "Afrophyle", so take this review, with that in mind! It is a jolly good time, with all the adventures and travails of a genuine professional Safari guide! Share their love and concerns for their area wildlife, along with triumphs and mishaps that go along with the job! No guns, just photo-ops, and the thrills that go with them! Nothing monumental, but if you love Africa, go along for the ride! It's worth it!

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