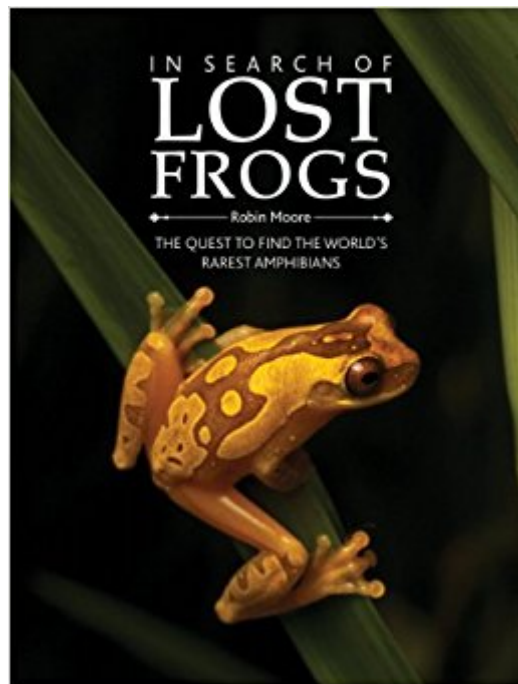




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In Search Of Lost Frogs: The Quest To Find The World's Rarest Amphibians



Synopsis

A beautifully rich and personal exploration of the plight of amphibians and the people working to save them. Moore's book proves him not just a fantastic photographer but an excellent reporter and compelling storyteller. Such a vital part of the natural world, amphibians are lucky to have this artist on their side. -- Jennifer S. Holland, NYT best-selling author of *Unlikely Friendships* and *Unlikely Loves*. Her latest book is *Unlikely Heroes*. A magnificent record of the global hunt for "lost" frog species. Dr. Robin Moore has a passion for frogs and a fascination with finding new and "lost" species. In 2010, he spearheaded the worldwide "Search for Lost Frogs" campaign, which coordinated the efforts of 33 teams of scientists in 19 countries on five continents in a quest to find 100 species of amphibian not seen in over a decade. In *Search of Lost Frogs* is a stunning record of Moore's journey and what he and his team did (or did not) find. The book is overflowing with exquisite close-up photographs by Moore that display the frogs' remarkable coloring and camouflage, and reveal their diminutive size -- many of the frogs are less than 5 cm long, if that. Moore's engaging text tells the story of the expedition, its highs and lows, discoveries and failures, and the campaign's ongoing work. The book's first half covers what frogs do for the health of the planet, the slippery slope of extinction, what is being done to monitor frog populations and find lost species, the Lazarus project (which aims to "revive" lost species) and the author's career-long resolve to find the Mesopotamia Beaked Toad. The second half of the book is about the searches. Moore describes the struggles, victories and dangers as well as the science. He takes readers along as his team trudge through rainforest, climb mountains and paddle rivers in search of the lost frogs, some not seen for more than a century. He tells a story of perseverance, disappointment, rediscovery, resilience, but ultimately of hope, written with passion and illustrated with superb photographs. And a surprise ending: they found 15 lost frogs. They include: In Ecuador, the Rio Pescado Stubfoot Toad, not seen since 1995 In Haiti, six rediscoveries, including the Ventriloquial Frog and Mozart's Frog, both lost for 20 years In India, the Dehradun Stream Frog, last seen (and only once) in 1985; the Elegant Tree Frog (1937); the Chalazodes Bubble Nest Frog (1874); the Anamalai Dot-Frog (1938) In Democratic Republic of Congo, the Omaniundu Reed Frog (1979) In Ivory Coast, the Mount Nimba Reed Frog (1967). Naturalists, lovers of all things frog, schools and interested general readers will enjoy the stunning photographs, the science and the adventurous stories of discovery.

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Customer Reviews

Please don't mistake Robin Moore's *In Search of Lost Frogs* for just another beautiful coffee table book. The photos and writing tell a big story â "one that engages, inviting us to follow. It is a culmination of a life's work driven by passion for amphibians, and for where they live, which is just about everywhere. Portraits of amphibians show us that each frog, each salamander, is a non-human being. Who could not help but smile, looking at the Green Rain Frog, with her fingers laced and expression that's so open, or the Giant Palm Salamander, peering into the camera lens as though asking, "Who are you?" Of childhood summers spent searching for frogs and their kin, Moore says, "...each year the heartbeat of the wild, untamed land pulses through me a little stronger and the belief grows that, for those who are willing to stop and listen, the amphibians have something important to say." Indeed, they do, and with *Lost Frogs*, Moore gives them a voice. To read this book and look at the photographs is to understand that the author's passion extends to life on earth, for we are all part of the biosphere, and everyone is affected by what happens to animals and nature. It makes perfect sense that Moore's PhD is in biodiversity conservation. Told in first person, present tense, *Lost Frogs* is a story that takes us to places where amphibians live â "or not. In the United States, we ride a day and a half on horseback, into the Sierra Nevada to lakes where Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs are dying â "where clouds of mosquitoes make head nets essential--and where one biologist has been working for nearly two decades to find out why.

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