



## From Utmost East to Utmost West

### My life of exploration and adventure

JOHN BLASHFORD-SNELL  
Foreword by SIR RANULPH FIENNES

A remarkable anthology of exploration by one of the world's leading adventurers

- “Without doubt JBS, as many know him, is one of the world’s most eminent explorers” – Sir Ranulph Fiennes Bt OBE
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- Details of over 100 expeditions the author has undertaken

For over 60 years John Blashford-Snell has been exploring some of the planet’s most remote, inaccessible and dangerous places; his name is known globally for his daring adventures and intrepid journeys of discovery. Now, well into his eighties (and still planning future trips), he has gathered together in a single volume a collection of tales from Africa, Asia and the Americas, a mix of mostly new writing combined with some old favourites, extracts from some of the 100 or so expeditions he has led in pursuit of archaeological, anthropological, botanical, biological and zoological objectives.

From the Blue Nile to the Darien Gap, the Kalahari to Colombia, Blashford-Snell is one of the most experienced explorers in the world. He has met with royalty and presidents, worked with Clint Eastwood and Sean Connery, been on a quest to find a giant pachyderm in the forests of West Nepal, led investigations into Atlantis and even delivered a grand piano to a remote tribe in Guyana! Mountains, rivers, forests and jungle have been his domain and he has seen some of the most extraordinary places known to man.

If meetings with dangerous wildlife, stories of navigating rapid-filled rivers and tales of encounters with bandits are your thing, this new collection from a man who has become an institution in his own right is an essential read.

Holder of almost all the top awards for exploration and three honours bestowed upon him by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, **Colonel John Blashford-Snell** is one of the most eminent and seasoned explorers. He has organised and led over 100 expeditions to far corners of the world. The objectives of his challenging ventures have always included scientific exploration, wildlife conservation and aid to local communities. At the same time he has sought to develop leadership in young people through Operations Drake and Raleigh and assist the less privileged youth of urban areas.



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