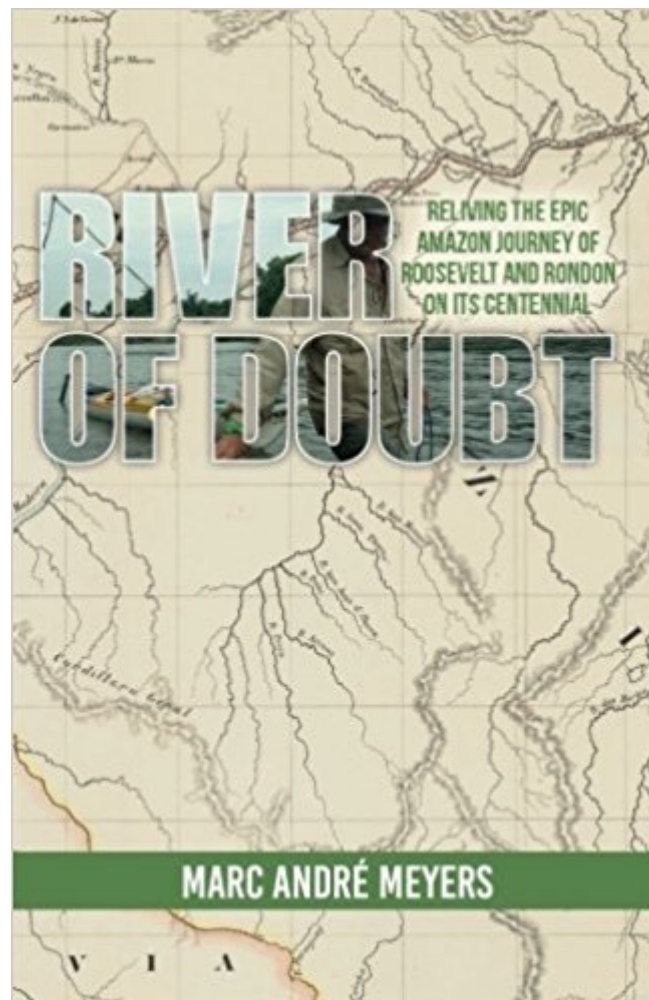




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# River Of Doubt: Reliving The Epic Journey Of Roosevelt And Rondon On Its Centennial



## Synopsis

From 2014 to 2015, Marc Andr  f   Meyers embarked on a thousand-kilometer expedition on the Parecis Plateau and down the River of Doubt in Brazil, accompanied by two Brazilian military officers, Cols. Hiram and Angonese, and by Jeffrey Lehmann. Their route retraced the steps of Teddy Roosevelt and Rondon a century earlier. Meyers  s objectives in this book are fourfold: to present a travelogue of his journey, to recount the history of the Roosevelt-Rondon expedition, to relate descriptions made by the members of the original exploration to demonstrate how the region has been changed by a century of human presence, and to study the wildlife along the river. Using mules for transportation on land and two kayaks and a canoe on the river, the author, two Brazilian colonels (Roosevelt and his partner, Rondon, were also both colonels) and Jeffrey Lehmann journeyed through the territories of the Parecis, Cinta Larga, and Nambikwara Indians, populations that have been forever altered by their interaction with outsiders who encroached on their land. In gathering specimens, Meyers and his team focused on using modern scientific tools to study the structure-property relationships of wildlife, including piranhas, arapaimas, toucans, and curassows. The researchers were interested in the structure of these biological specimens all the way from the nano to the mesolevel, including their scales and beaks, and how they might inspire manmade compounds and structures.

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As distinguished professor of materials science at the University of California, San Diego, Marc Andr  f   Meyers has engaged in wide-ranging research of specimens collected in South America. His studies have been underwritten by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Air Force

Office of Scientific Research, and the Army Research Office toward discoveries in the growing field of bioinspired materials and design. Mentions of his research have appeared on NOVA (PBS) and the History Channel, in National Geographic, and in many other broadcasts and publications. Meyers is the author or coauthor of four technical books and hundreds of academic papers. He is also the author of the novels *A Dama e o Luxemburguês* (in French: *D'Amour et d'Acier*, 2015) and *Yanomami* (2016), along with other works of fiction. In 2011, he read from his novel on the Chechen jihad at the Emirates literary festival in Dubai. He is a two-time finalist for the San Diego Book Awards.

This is an amazing book. Why?! The first chapter of the book is about the ROOTS OF BOOK. He clearly explains the reasons behind retracing the steps of Theodore Roosevelt's journey. So, it will help you to get a quite clear idea about the book. The following chapters include lots of detail and pictures about the spots they have been and the troubles and the dangers they have gone through. I would like to refer you to a picture of Prof. Meyers on a specific page of this book, but there is no page number!!! Why? Anyway, after page 140, if you keep going for more 18 pages, you will get to a picture showing how exhausted he is, absolutely self-explanatory. Just imagine yourself in his shoes! Prof. Meyers is a distinguished professor at UC-San Diego with an outstanding academic career. I really admire his courage to get into this dangerous expedition. I like to highlight two points about this book which are keenly appealing to me. The amazing pictures perfectly depicting the conditions in which they were and comparing them with those taken by Roosevelt and his scientific observations through the whole journey. I believe that this book would be of interest to the readership. Last but not least, I highly recommend this book.

There is no "doubt" any person would enjoy this book. What an impressive adventure embarked by the writer. I especially enjoyed the many photos. As I was reading it, it was amazing to think that Teddy Roosevelt had done this over a hundred years ago. It was great having the paragraphs about the Roosevelt trip interspersed throughout. Highly recommend.

Being a history buff I was excited to read this book, but, it is poorly written and disorganized. It does not add anything to Millard's account of the Roosevelt-Rondon adventure. I am sadly disappointed.

Wow! Great courage is required to retrace the steps of Theodore Roosevelt's journey in the Parecis Plateau and down the river of Doubt. It's more than a

thousand-kilometer adventure, but Marc Meyers with two Brazilian military officers did it! Other than this courage to go on this adventure, this book really transmitted me an attitude towards scientific research. Many difficulties throughout this adventure described by Marc Meyers taught me that we should be persevere in our dream/goal. Also Marc Meyers pointed out that in the nineteenth and early part of the 20th century science was a labor of love. Excellent discoveries were made by people who had a true passion for the subject. I can see that Marc Meyers, as a distinguish professor, inspired by nature, truly motivated by thirst of knowledge of structure of creatures to explore us a new stage of bio-inspired materials. I greatly recommend this book!

Marc Meyers retraces the steps of Theodore Roosevelt's "darkest journey" in this account of the epic voyage. This modern epic lacks some of the doubts from the original voyage due to the use of modern technology such as GPS and vaccines. But the piranhas and rapids remain to test the soul. Marc Meyers interweaves his experience with those of Roosevelt and Rondon as he traverses the arduous River Of Doubt.

Prof. Meyers is expert in material science, especially in the biological application in special materials. I can find from this novel that many of miraculous discoveries that he taught in class is from his own experience. This novel introduces the mysterious world around the river in Brazil which is discovered by Teddy Roosevelt a century ago. It reminds us the great contribution that Roosevelt made and the modern society's impact on the original areas. Prof. Meyers influences me in a different, humanistic way by this novel and makes me think deeply on the relationship between nature and science.

Extraordinary narrative retracing - in kayaks, mules and foot - the brave expedition of ex president Theodore Roosevelt to Brazil's wil west back in 1914. During the gruesome 1000 km 2 months ordeal the sciiientist/author accompanied by 3 colleagues details the environmental changes that have taken place since Roosevelt's expedition 100 years ago as well as the plight of the indians they encountered. Very good book combining adventure, history, culture, anthropology, and great pictures. Worth reading.

It is an imperfect work but it describes a fascinating journey into today's and yesteryear's . The Roosevelt /Rondon Scientific Expedition is relived by the author and companions and they experience similar challenges and difficulties. The book contrasts the past and present and gives a

historical overview of Brazil. The style is somewhat varied but the content is fascinating.

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