



cool creatures, hot planet: exploring the seven continents

Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents follows Marty and Deb Essen on an eight trip, three-and-a-half-year-long adventure to some of the wildest places on all seven continents.

The American couple began crisscrossing the globe with the simple intention of searching for rare and interesting wildlife. When their travels coincided with the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the added element made them unwitting ambassadors for peace. Their experiences—from amusing to life threatening—changed their lives forever.

Not your average travelogue, Marty Essen's book entertains, informs, and poignantly reminds us that we all share a small planet.

Cool Creatures, Hot Planet is the winner of the "Best Books 2006 Book Award" for travel/essay!

Praise for Cool Creatures, Hot Planet

"This is a wonderful book—a labor of love—that describes in soul-stirring language what it is like to live with the people, the animals, the birds, the snakes, the insects, the jungles, the treacherous rivers, the gorgeous scenery of seven continents. It is the best travel and exploratory work I have yet encountered. Marty Essen and his wife, Deb, are two highly intelligent, imaginative, and brave people."

—Senator George McGovern, 1972 Democratic nominee for president

"An exciting and adventurous read. *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet* by Marty Essen is a roller coaster ride through the natural world that will both entertain and enlighten readers."

—Jeff Corwin, host of *The Jeff Corwin Experience* on the Animal Planet Channel

The Author

Marty Essen has enjoyed a successful business career as the president of a talent agency and a telephone company. Now he focuses on his true love: wildlife. While working on *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet* he was stung by one of the world's most venomous insects, bitten by a poisonous snake, surrounded by wolves, attacked by a hippo—and had the time of his life.

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