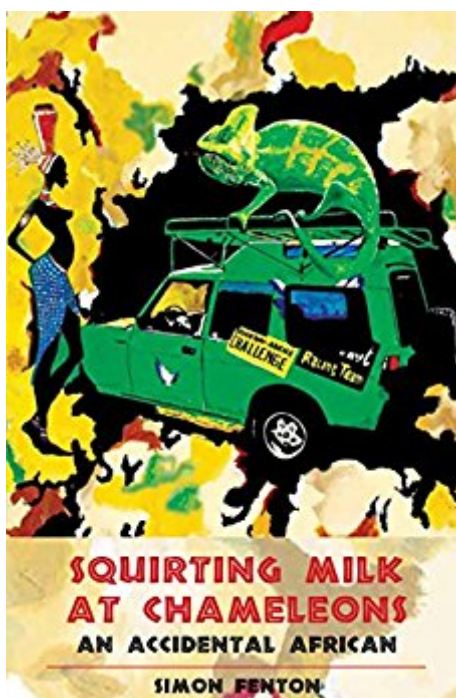


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Squirting Milk At Chameleons: An Accidental African



Synopsis

The tale of an Englishman making a life for himself in Senegal. Khady pulled out a breast and with a deadly aim fired milk at the chameleon. "If I don't offer it milk, our son will grow up to look like a lizard," she explained. Clearly I had a lot to learn about life in Africa. On the cusp of middle age, Simon Fenton leaves Britain in search of adventure and finds Senegal, love, fatherhood, witch doctors and a piece of land that could make a perfect guest house, if only he knew how to build one. The Casamance is an undiscovered paradise here mystic Africa governs life, people walk to the beat of the djembe, when it rains it pours, and the mangoes are free. But the fact that his name translates to "vampire" and he has had a curse placed on him via the medium of eggs could mean Simon's new life may not be so easy.

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Customer Reviews

Fenton has an entertaining and humorous writing style describing his new life in Africa and also some comments on more difficult aspects of living in Senegal. He fell in love with a village in Senegal and soon thereafter with his wife Khady who is from the village. Khady believes in black magic and using gris-gris or charms made by magicians to protect people from curses. Fenton submits good humoredly to wearing many gris-gris in leather pouches, and he also eats all manner

of food and has survived so must have a strong constitution. It is not a big deal to have Khady dig out worms living in his feet, for example. He buys a piece of land nobody else wanted and describes working alongside local workers to build a small traditional round house, and soon a larger house with modern conveniences like indoor plumbing and solar electricity, and Khady and Simon are now running their home and land as a place for tourists to stay and experience the real Senegal. This is an engaging book to read written by a true optimist and it helped me imagine what it would be like to move to a village in Africa.

Warning! After you read this book, you may feel an irresistible urge to fly to Senegal, book a stay at Simon and Khady's campement, The Little Baobab, and join Simon on a trek through the Casamance. If you are willing to take the risk, it's a very enjoyable read, full of insights into the culture of West Africa.

Absolutely fantastic book - I couldn't put it down and finished it in just a few days. Both as a travel narrative and as a story about finding love, and a home, Simon's journey is compelling. The stories about everyday life in Senegal are fascinating, and Simon does a great job bringing out the beauty while acknowledging the challenges, often with a great sense of comedy and timing. I don't think there are many travelers with quite his sense of adventure. Can't wait for the next book!

Just finished this book and absolutely loved it! It is a refreshing, insightful, intimate and accurate view of the Casamance, Senegal, The Gambia and Africa in General. You'll learn about the charm and difficulties of living there and soon you will fall in love with the author's generous, adventurous and open spirit and humor and his partner's matter of factness and honesty. I am from Senegal and this book made me grow fonder of my country because it revealed it just as it is, good, bad and ugly. I hope the author keeps the tales coming. Well done!

I enjoyed this book. It was a quick read and very enjoyable. I only gave it 4 stars instead of 5 because the flashback sequences are a bit disconcerting and confusing.

I loved this book. I read it nonstop. I fell in love with Simon and his family. His life in Africa has been an adventure that is still evolving. I look forward to the next book in this series as the boys grow and the parents adapt to life's adventures. Dr. Sharon Daves Goodwill

An amazing writer with a sense of fun. Made me look forward to visiting Senegal!

This is a very thoughtful book, especially when read in the context of the Authors recent untimely death.

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