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The Tapir Scientist: Saving South America's Largest Mammal (Scientists In The Field Series)



Synopsis

If youâ™ve never seen a lowland tapir, youâ™re not alone. Most of the people who live near tapir habitat in Brazilâ™s vast Pantanal (âœthe Everglades on steroidsâ•) havenâ™t seen the elusive snorkel-snouted mammal, either. In this arresting nonfiction picture book, Sibert winners Sy Montgomery and Nic Bishop join a tapir-finding expedition led by the Brazilian field scientist Pati Medici. Aspiring scientists will love the immediate, often humorous âœyou are thereâ• descriptions of fieldwork, and gadget lovers will revel in the high-tech science at play, from microchips to the camera traps that capture the âœsoap operaâ• of tapir life.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Although this book is non-fiction aimed at young people, it is set up by the authors as a mystery thriller complete with fascinating cast of characters, suspense, and the excitement of the chase. The remote and nature-rich Pantanal wetland of South America is explored with beautiful photos and revealing descriptions. The book explains what tapirs are, where they live, a little of their history, and how they are related to other animals. We learn why they are endangered, and why it is so important and challenging to study them. Both traditional and cutting edge scientific methods are

used used to study the tapirs and these are also explained in the book. The woman who leads the study, Patricia Medici, is an inspiring role model for any young, aspiring natural scientist. Highly recommended for 5th grade and above. Adults interested in nature and endangered species will also enjoy it. It makes for a wonderful coffee table book/conversation piece as well.

Read all about tapirs; what they eat, how they live, and where they live (etc). The most funny looking mammals (they're a little cute too!). Browse through the members of the tapir scientists group and how they got interested in tapirs and saving animals. What I liked about this book: The great photographs and stories. What I disliked about this book: The two men who killed animals when they were kids.

Excellent book. Chronicles the story of Dr. Patricia Medici, the world's leading Tapir conservationist and the plight to save one of the most elusive and ecologically important animals from tropical Latin America and South East Asia.

Beautifully done a good coffee table book - and if you have friends who haven't a clue about this soon to be extinct animal, you can show off your caring nature ;-)

I thought there would be better pictures of the tapir. Visually not so great, but ok. Everything about tapirs is good anyway

Great to see a book about my favorite animal, the tapir! A great way to raise awareness of the tapir.

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