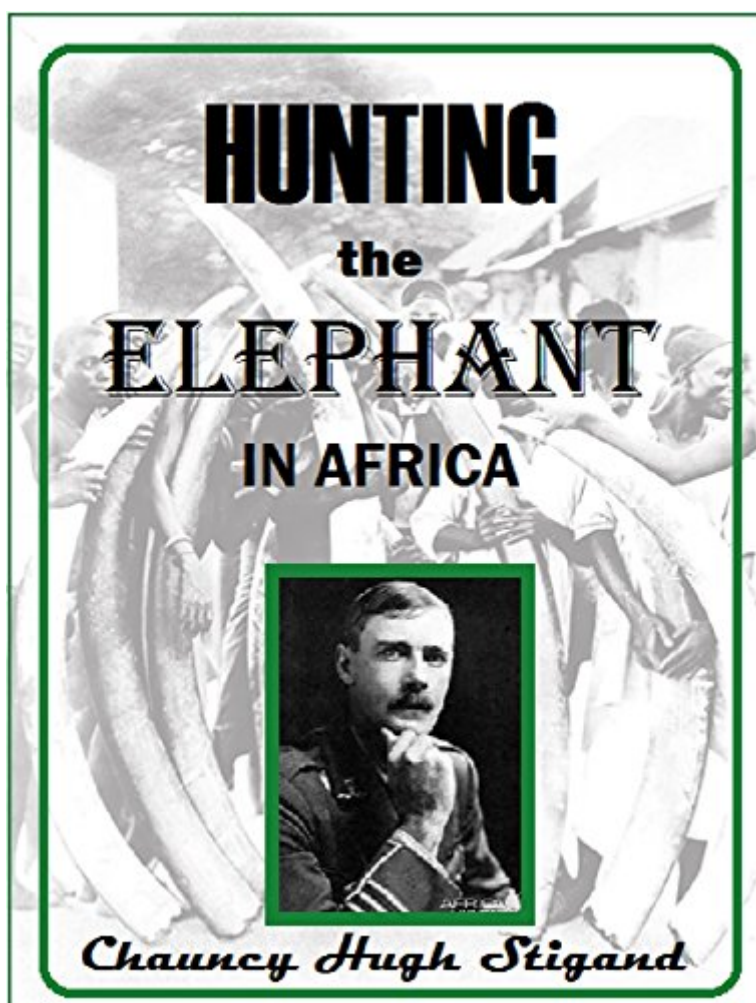


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Excellent book! (Except that the print scans to digital editing is very poor.) A must read for those who enjoy hunting and getting out in the wilderness. I thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Stigand's writing style and the recounting of his many excellent hunting experiences in savage Africa with now antiquated firearms. Also, he reveals the true nature of the indigenous peoples (natives, savages, heathens, kaffirs, etc.); the requirements needed to gain and keep their respect, and avert mutinies within his camps. Those natives who became "unsociable" required a "firm hand" (i.e. a thumping with a whip made from rhino hide strips), without which the natives lost all respect for the Bwana and continued their mischief until the proper punishment was applied. Usually, the punished native would become much more dedicated to his duties and dispense with further mischief. Mr. Stigand's detailed descriptions of life "in the bush" such as the: sadistic and murderous savage tribes, severe weather, "true meaning" of thirst, terrain, fauna/flora, faunal foraging methods, and flavors of the faunal meat, preferred environments and defense mechanisms of each species was quite revealing and riveting. I will read it over and over.

Stigand lived in an exciting era of Africa's history and he certainly carved out an interesting place in the history of hunters and adventurers in Africa. His stories are very interesting as he was an astute observer. Seeing beyond just the hunt recording a great deal of information about the animals and people of Africa. A great way to travel to an Africa that is long gone in the comfort of your favorite chair. The next time you are out hunting and have to climb a steep path to get where you need to be. Remember the tales of running after elephant with a very heavy rifle, far from civilization where a small mistake could kill you. No helicopter medevac, no GPS if your tracker got lost or stepped on in the up close encounters with Africa's deadliest inhabitants.

Chauncy Stigand's "Hunting the Elephant in Africa" is worth the read if you are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of how much has changed, from approximately 100 years ago, in perceptions concerning hunting elephants, rhinos and lions. This book differs from Teddy's Roosevelt's African Game Trails as it goes into interesting detail concerning the natives their cultures and small issues

that TR never really explains in his writings. Chauncy does not spin as good as a story as TR, and is more matter of fact concerning most topics but it is still an interesting book on an historic level. I enjoyed it and have often go back to read different passages.

Great hunting stories and observations, as well as some insight into what Africa was like in the early 1900's.

That style of hunting is gone forever and is very entertaining and educational.

remarkable author, explorer, hunter and observer whose writing takes you to his time and place as if you were there too.

Wonderful step back in time! Chauncey has the typical english droll sense of humor and must have been something else!

Great read of old Africa hunting now gone.

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