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Travel And Adventures In The Congo Free State And Its Big Game Shooting



Synopsis

Reprint of the 1894 edition. Cloth. Oversized Octavo. Book xiv, 335 p., [1] folded leaf of plates : ill., map ; [London : Chapman & Hall, 1894]. The author spent four years in the Congo Free State and kept a detailed record of his travels and sporting adventures. His observations are based. He focuses as much as possible to matters of sport, and not to matters relating to the Free State. The author notes that no book devoted to West African sport had yet to appear as of the time of original publication [1894]. Bailey used his nom de plume, Bula N'Zau [The Elephant Smasher]. "Bailey arrived at Grantville in 1884 and proceeded into the interior of the Congo on an expedition of sport and exploration. Initially he hunted Gorilla, then proceeded up the Rembo River where hippopotamus and leopard were hunted. In the Massabe Swamp, buffalo and antelope were bagged. At Stanley Pool, and later near Brazzaville, hippos and elephants were collected

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Entertaining, if somewhat repetitive work detailing the author's hunting exploits in the Congo before it formally became a Belgian colony. The author worked for the Congo Free State at various trading stations, including Kinshaasa at Stanley Pool, and he hunted in his free time (he was mainly after elephant for their ivory and meat for porters/workers. most other game he refers to rather generically such as "antelope" instead of describing species. I think natural history was not his strong suit, obviously). Plenty to entertain in this work, though at times it seemed a bit repetitive as he describes yet another elephant hunt much the same as the fifty other he has already described. 3.5/5 stars.

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