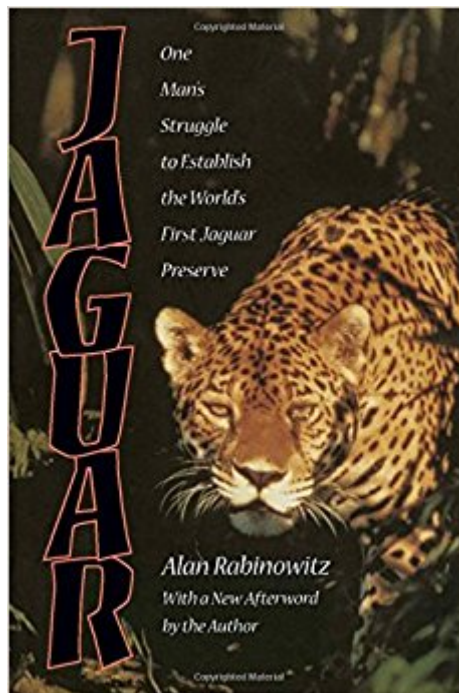




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Jaguar: One Man's Struggle To Establish The World's First Jaguar Preserve



Synopsis

In 1983, zoologist Alan Rabinowitz ventured into the rain forest of Belize, determined to study the little-known jaguar in its natural habitat and to establish the world's first jaguar preserve. Within two years, he had succeeded. In *Jaguar* he provides the only first-hand account of a scientist's experience with jaguars in the wild. Originally published in 1986, this edition includes a new preface and epilogue by the author that bring the story up to date with recent events in the region and around the world.

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In the early 1980s, working at the behest of the noted biologist George Schaller, Alan Rabinowitz traveled to the newly independent Central American nation of Belize to study jaguars, once extensive throughout the Americas, in a remote, densely forested part of that country. ("If the world had any ends, [Belize] would surely be one of them" Aldous Huxley once wrote.) There, deep within mountainous jungle, Rabinowitz conducted a thorough study of the jaguar's natural history, studying its diet (made up, he writes, of a surprising quantity of armadillos), movements, and territories, and learning the ways of the much-feared cat. He also learned a little something about himself--discovering, he writes, that "once I had overcome my initial fears of this dense, dark green world, I started to enjoy it." Over his two-year stay, Rabinowitz developed plans to establish a forest sanctuary that would be free of the jaguar's principal enemies--not deadly fer-de-lance snakes or other large predators, but loggers, poachers, and cattle ranchers, all of whom had their reasons for

wanting to see jaguars disappear from the region. Although he was successful in convincing the Belizean government to authorize the Cockscomb preserve, Rabinowitz writes in the afterword to this revised edition of *Jaguar* (first published in 1986), the jaguar haven came at a cost to Mayan people who lived in the area and were forced to relocate. His memoir will be of great interest not only to admirers of the jaguar, a magnificent animal by any measure, but also to students of international ecological issues. --Gregory McNamee

Rabinowitz, a zoologist, describes two years of triumph and tragedy in the rain forests of Belize, where he lived among Mayan Indians while researching the jaguar population; he was instrumental in having the Cockscomb Basin there declared a National Forest Reserve. Photos. (Nov.)no PWCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Spellbinding adventure! Highly recommended for those who are passionate about wildlife conservation. We love this book and recommend it to all our friends.

A most interesting account of Alans struggle and commitment to saving the Jaguar. This could be replicated for almost every wild species that need our help. We need to care, and we need to act on our caring. Having been to Belize and hiked in the sanctuary he created, i am most grateful for his efforts. The hardships he endured.. as well as his perceptions about a way of life we can only imagine made this a fascinating book.

Very interesting book about one mans effort to save jaguars in a 3rd world environment. A great read for a true story.

Along with all of Alan's books this one doesn't disappoint.

Excellent product deliver in time. The book is a great history

I picked this as a "Common Reading Program" book for a college whose mascot is "The Jaguar," but they haven't selected it yet....WONDERFUL story, with environmental activism built in and a sure result of seeing it!

I do missionary work in Belize and this book wanted me to hop the next plane back. It's an easy read and even those not familiar with the country will enjoy the scenic descriptions. It's worth the reading time and left me wanting more.

Really enjoyable

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