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About the Author

Mike Hoare is one of the 20th century's most famous adventurers, and clearly one of its most talented scribes. Hoare was born in India to Irish parents and educated in England. He emigrated to Africa in 1948 and fell in love with the land and its people. Though he is best known as a mercenary leader in the Congo and the Seychelles, his two new books describe his nonmilitary adventures on land and sea: Mike Hoare's Adventures in Africa and Three Years with Sylvia .

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