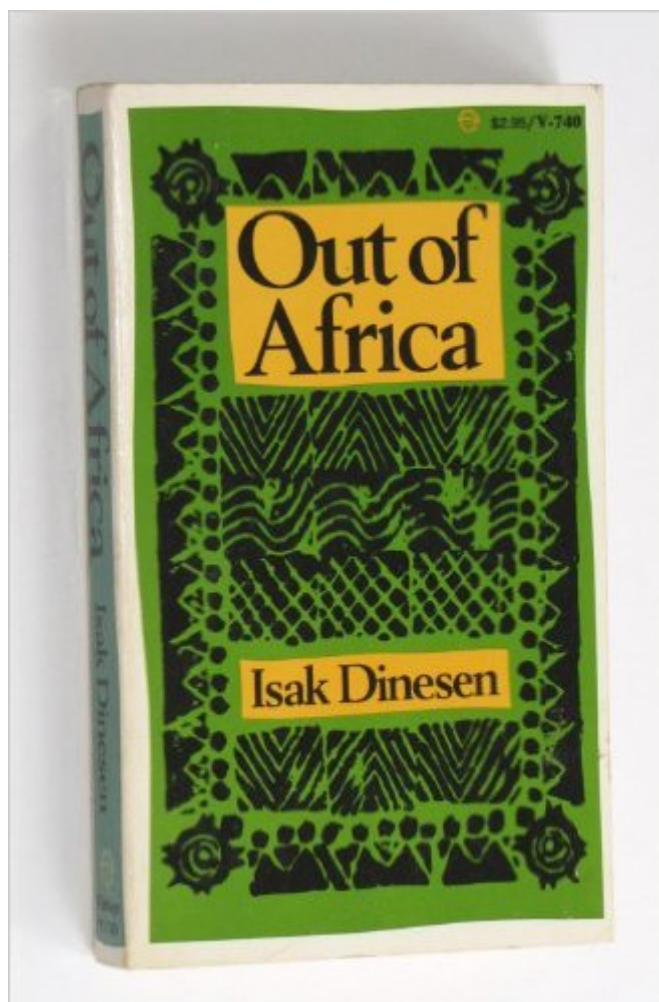


The book was found

# Out Of Africa (Vintage Books, V740)



## Synopsis

In 1921, the year that Baroness Karen Blixen found herself stranded by her divorce on a Kenyan mountain farm, most women in her circumstances would have fled back to civilization. But instead of returning to her native Denmark, the 35-year-old Blixen stayed on and ran the farm. In 1931 coffee prices collapsed and she was forced to leave. She returned to Denmark where she poured her memories into a passionate love letter about the life that would hold her in thrall till the end of her days. *OUT OF AFRICA*, published in 1937 under the pseudonym of Isak Dinesen, became a classic. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

## Book Information

Paperback

Publisher: Vintage (March 12, 1972)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0394717406

ISBN-13: 978-0394717401

Product Dimensions: 7.2 x 4.3 x 0.9 inches

Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (339 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #567,407 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #50 in Â Books > History > Africa > Kenya

## Customer Reviews

I'm another reader who comes to *Out of Africa* by way of Holden Caulfield in *Catcher in the Rye*; and it became recommended reading before I visited Kenya for myself in the early 90's. So, having just finished it and now half way through *Shadows on the Grass*, my overall impression is a pleasant one. I enjoyed Dinesen's writing style very much, and would agree with many readers that *Out of Africa* deserves a place among the classics in English literature. It's Karen Blixen's memoirs of her time in Kenya around WWI, living and working on her coffee plantation near Nairobi. Her descriptions of the Natives, her European friends, the land, the animals, flora and fauna are incredible. The chapters shift back and forth in time, some focused on specific events and individuals, some more whimsical and anecdotal. Reading *Out of Africa* transports the reader into early 20th Century colonial Kenya, and more concretely, onto Ms. Blixen's farm at the foot of the Ngong Hills. Years later she takes up her time in Africa again in *Shadows on the Grass*, talking more about her loyal Somali servant & right-hand man, Farah, taking a more philosophical tone

regarding "masters & slaves", Native superstitions, manners, and so on. *Shadows* is inferior in many ways to *Out of Africa*, and it feels more like an "addendum" to the main work, which is poetry by comparison. By the time she writes it, she seems to have grown slightly more distant, and well, Colonist European. As for *Out of Africa*, if you've seen the movie version and are looking for it here you're in for a surprise because the book contains no overt romance between Karen & Denys, nor mention of siphylous, nor much in the way of Karen's own personal life. Her ex-husband, Bror is almost non-existent.

Writing under the pen name of Isak Dinesen, "*Out of Africa*", published in 1937, was written by Karen Blixen who lived in Kenya from 1914 to 1931. She was from Denmark and had come to Kenya to marry her Swedish cousin, but even though the marriage didn't work out, she stayed on their 4,000 acre coffee farm. In loving detail she describes her way of life, including some extensive descriptions of incidents involving her native servants. Through it all her love for the people and for Africa shines though. The reader lives her adventures with her and shares her regrets when the farm fails and she has return to Europe. "*Shadows on the Grass*", published in 1960 is a much shorter work and describes her relationships with some of her African friends in the years after she had to leave. Together these two books form the story of her world and stand today as both a literary and historical document to the times. Ms. Dinesen used her words well. I particularly loved her characterizations of the native people who touched her life. . She had no medical training with the exception of a first-aid course and yet she doctored to the many people who worked for her. She was also a fine huntswoman, good with a gun. There were seasons of drought on the farm as well as attacks by grasshoppers and she wrote about all of this. Often her European friends stayed at her home, bringing food delicacies and wine. One of the men died horribly in a plane crash and her description of his funeral and his burial was most moving. Perhaps some of her views on the differences between Europeans and the natives as well as the way she casually killed animals might not be considered politically correct today. And it was never clear to me if the man who died was her lover or not.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

IS THIS WHY AFRICA IS? (Why Africa is poor, Why Africa is not developing, What Africa needs, What Africa needs to develop): Africa, Africa, Africa, Africa Africa, Africa, Ebola, Ebola, Ebola, Ebola  
Out of Africa (Vintage Books, V740) Jokes For Kids - Joke Books : Funny Books : Kids Books :  
Books for kids age 9 12 : Best Jokes 2016 (kids books, jokes for kids, books for kids 9-12, ... funny  
jokes, funny jokes for kids) (Volume 1) Political Ascent: Contemporary Islamic Movements In North

Africa (State, Culture, and Society in Arab North Africa) Burying SM: The Politics of Knowledge and the Sociology of Power in Africa (Social History of Africa (Paperback)) Verdes colinas de Africa / Green Hills of Africa (Palabra En El Tiempo / Word at the Time) (Spanish Edition) Cuadernos de Africa/ Notebooks of Africa (Spanish Edition) LIST SERIES: JAMES ROLLINS: SERIES READING ORDER: SIGMA FORCE BOOKS, THE BANNED AND THE BANISHED BOOKS, GODSLAYER BOOKS, JAKE RANSOM BOOKS, TUCKER WAYNE BOOKS, STANDALONE NOVELS BY JAMES ROLLINS VINTAGE CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS: Christmas Cards, Customs, Carols, Legends, Poems, Recipes, Advertisements (Vintage Memories) VINTAGE VALENTINES: Valentine's Day Cards, Customs, Legends & Poetry (Vintage Memories) The Official Vintage Guitar Price Guide 2014 (Official Vintage Guitar Magazine Price Guide) VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADVERTISING 5: 1957-1959: OVER 420 FULL SIZE VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADS FROM MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS - LARGE ONE-AD-PER-PAGE FORMAT VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADVERTISING 3: 1953-1954: OVER 330 FULL SIZE VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADS FROM MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS - LARGE ONE-AD-PER-PAGE FORMAT VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADVERTISING 7: 1970-1972: OVER 420 FULL SIZE VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADS FROM MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS - LARGE ONE-AD-PER-PAGE FORMAT VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADVERTISING 4: 1955-1956: OVER 375 FULL SIZE VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADS FROM MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS - LARGE ONE-AD-PER-PAGE FORMAT Afghans: Vintage Afghans To Crochet (Vintage Crochet Favorites Book 1) The Complete Vintage Travel Trailer Restoration Manual: Learn Everything You'll Need to Restore Your Vintage Trailer Treasures In Time..."How to Profit Collecting Vintage Watches": "How to Profit Collecting Vintage Watches" Coloring Books for Grownups Wizard of Oz: Vintage Coloring Books for Adults - Art & Quotes Reimagined from Frank Baum's Original The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Out of Isak Dinesen in Africa: Karen Blixen's Untold Story

[Dmca](#)