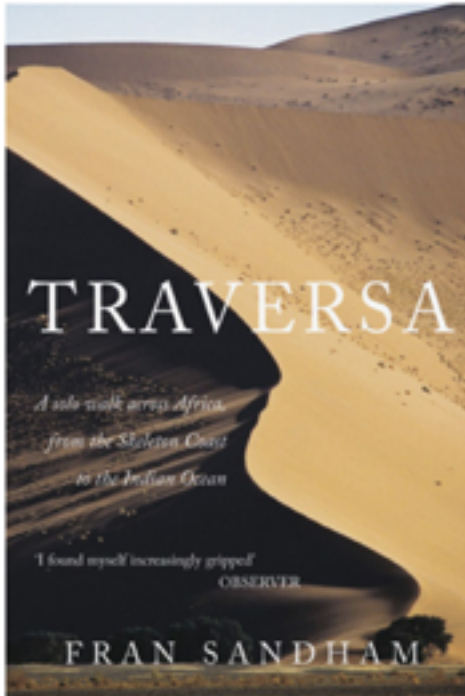


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African animal encounters – Fran Sandham

A Solo Walk Across Africa ...



"The idea of crossing Africa on foot seemed already firmly established in many people's minds as some exceptionally difficult feat. And yet how many people had actually done it? I decided to walk every step of the way from one coast of Africa to the other, completely alone: no backup, no support team, no one to make arrangements for me, no one to carry my gear, no sponsors, no funding, no film crew, no journalists, no fuss, no cheering crowds, and no strings attached. Above all, it had to be on a one-way ticket: no safety nets, no get-out clauses and nothing to fall back on ..."

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Animal encounters have always been one of the most familiar features of African explorers' accounts in history. Author Fran Sandham, who was the first person on record to walk across Africa solo from the Atlantic Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean, looks at some of the some of the great explorers' run-ins with African wildlife – interspersed with a few of his own experiences in Africa.



Critically acclaimed author and public speaker Fran Sandham walked across Africa solo, from Namibia's Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar, a 3,000-mile trek taking nearly a year. *Traversa* is the engaging account of this remarkable journey.

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