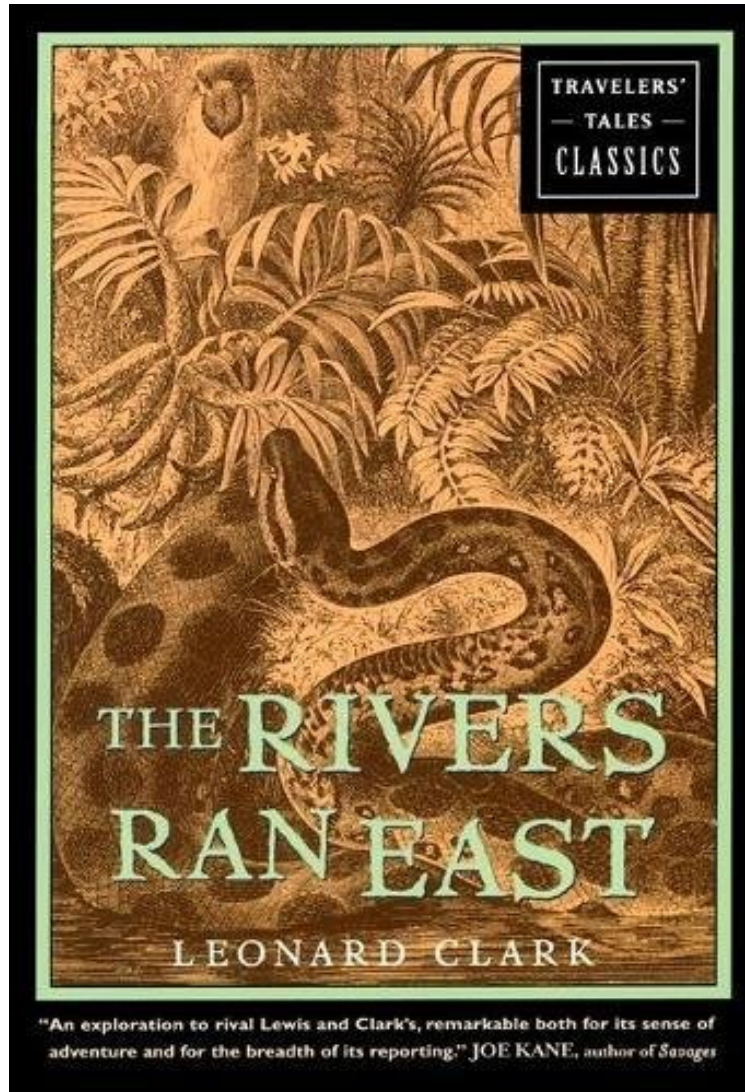


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ran EastBy Brian WoodA great read even if, I suspect, a little embellished. First read as an impressionable 17yr old, it fired me up to travel South America which I subsequently did, nearly 30yrs after Mr Clark's adventures there. And for that I thank him sincerely. The edition I've obtained was not advertised with a publication date or described as including photographs, which it didn't, thus disappointing me a little as the original I read did have photos. In any case, I thoroughly recommend the book, it's well worth the read. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Tops on my listBy CustomerSeveral years ago I made the mistake of lending out my original copy to I-don't-remember-whom. Big mistake. This is my favorite book, ever, and I'm SO happy it's back in print! Other travellers will identify with the problem of what's it like to be a complete stranger, with little familiarity of the circumstances surrounding you, but Clark's travels might as well have been on another planet, for all he was able to deal with the problems thrown at him. Exciting reading, and lots to think about afterwards. I just want to know, is all that gold still there???? This time around I'm ordering two copies, just in case one goes astray again.

Long out of print, this is a riveting firsthand account of Leonard Clark's search for the legendary lost Seven Cities of Cibola reputedly home to enormous reserves of gold in the rain forest east of the Peruvian Andes. A former U.S. Army intelligence officer, Clark is joined on his expedition by Inez Pokorny, a gutsy, multilingual female explorer. Their treacherous journey includes encounters with head-hunting Jivaro Indians, man-eating jaguars, 40-foot-long anacondas, poisonous plants, and shamanistic healers. Against the odds, Clark and Pokorny reach their destination, but nearly starve to death trying to transport sacks of gold out of the dense tropical foliage.