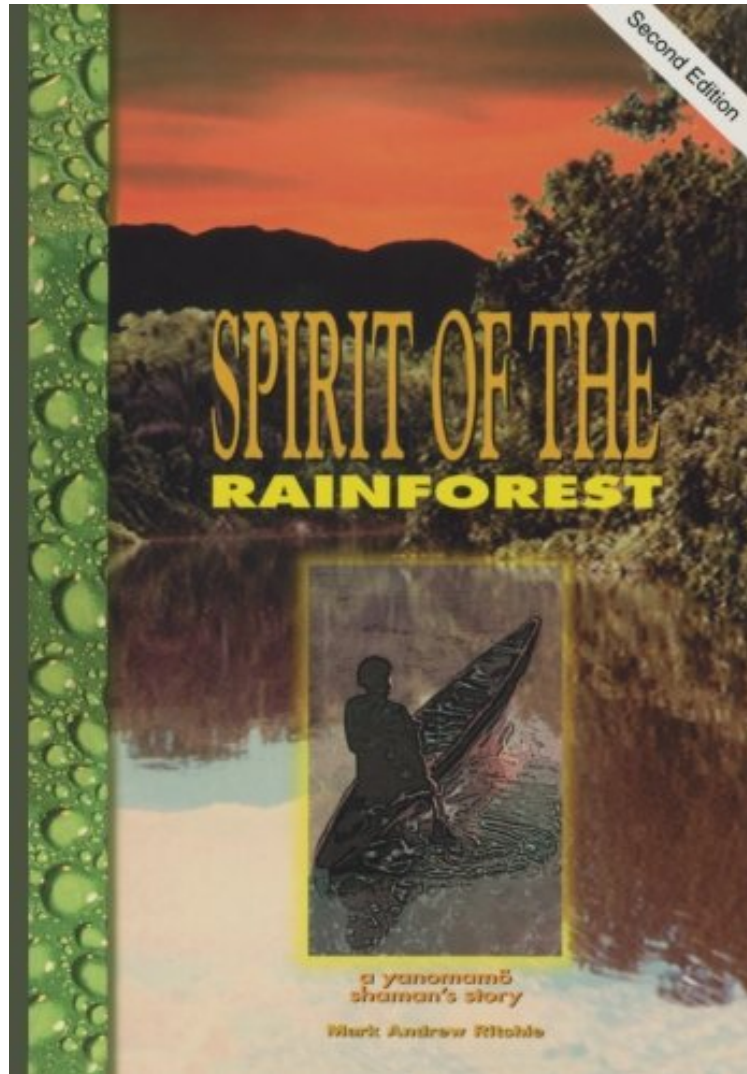


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Mark Andrew Ritchie : Spirit of the Rainforest: A Yanomamo Shaman's Story before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Spirit of the Rainforest: A Yanomamo Shaman's Story:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Brutality Overload Detracts From a Good Story with Important Lessons
By JohnI read this book as part of a study at my church. I have no doubt the events depicted in this book are real and the conflicts, both between tribes and in the hearts of the villagers, are an accurate representation of what happened in the jungle. However, the graphic and gruesome details of the events described are so over the top it makes many sections of the book almost unreadable. The author choose shock factor over what could have better edited to tell the story of the Yanomamo tribe and the transformation of their culture. Yes, I know rapes, murder, sodomy, and

child abuse are all terrible and were both self inflicted and inflicted on them by outsiders but I didn't need a play by play of these crime scenes. What could have been a great story about cultural transformation and change in spiritual beliefs was lost in the author's desire to focus on an unnecessary level of violent detail. I can't recommend this book.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not for children, but a very enlightening book

By Aletheu

This is the true story told from the first person viewpoint by a Yanomamo shaman in Venezuela. Many of the descriptions of violence in this book are very graphic, so it should not be read by children. Nevertheless, this book is valuable in the sense that it describes in vivid detail how the evil spirit world operates, and how anthropologists and good and bad missionaries have affected the Yanomamo people's world. In the end, some of the Yanomamo people, including the story teller (as told to a non-Yanomamo man), cast away their evil spirits and accept the one true God which brings them true peace. This book has a number of `threads' (messages) running through it. It is difficult to put down.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A challenging book to read for the Christian who wants to see what living in a Godless world is like (Romans 1)

By oldboymarc

Compelling, disturbing, insightful look into the dark and evil spiritual world of Ynomam shamans. Brutal, violent, death, and an honest an unexaggerated account of Jungleman's (a Ynomam shaman) recollections over a thirty year period. Well-told and accurate. All proceeds from the book go the Ynomam; the author has no reason to be biased, nor does he have an ax to grind. The Ynomam demonic spirit world is just as savage and evil as the world of North America. Only in North America it is more subtle and more widespread. A challenging book to read for the Christian who wants to see what living in a Godless world is like (Romans 1:24-25). The Christian going on a missions trip should take the time to read this book before leaving for a visit to another culture. A great read and kudos to Gary Dawson, Mark Ritchie, Jungleman, and Shoefoot for telling their stories honestly and openly.

The Yanomamo of the Amazon- endangered children of nature or indigenous warmongers on the verge of destroying themselves? Now for the first time, a powerful Yanomamo shaman speaks for his people. Brutally riveting, the story of Jungleman is an extraordinary and powerful document.