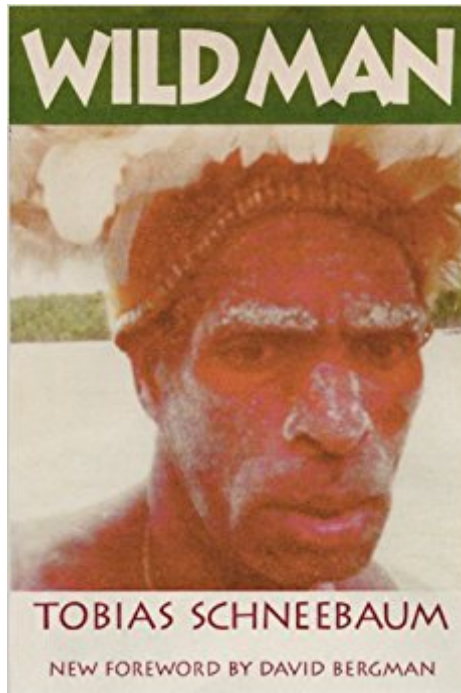




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Part autobiographical journal, part social-historical novel, *Wild Man* tracks Tobias Schneebaum's fascinating and almost epic life story, from his earliest contemplation of homoerotic desire through his life in Peru, Borneo, and beyond. A young man from New York, Schneebaum "disappeared" in 1955 on the eastern slopes of the Andes. He was, in actuality, living for more than a year among the remote Harakhambut people, discovering a way of being that was strange, primitive, and powerfully attractive to him. This longing to find the "wild man" in other cultures—and in himself—eventually led him on an odyssey through South America, India, Tibet, Africa, Borneo, New Guinea, and Southeast Asia. He lived among isolated forest peoples, including headhunters and cannibals, in regions where few, if any, white men had ever been.

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"An astonishing journey into the interior of the self, as well as an exploration of the relationships between men the world over."
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I saw a documentary on Tobias Schneebaum where he returned to the jungles and the tribe he had lived with. That decided me to buy his book *Wild Man* and I'm glad I did. Schneebaum takes you back in time both here in America and in jungles and wild places all around the world. In his own words, "I dare where others only dream." Leave the dream and enter the reality of primitive tribes, raging rivers, and exotic wildlife. His description of life in the towns is also very accurate. I would recommend this book to anyone over the age of 16.

a great book!

The author grew up in New York and became a gay man who roamed the globe in search of the savage, the exotic, the primitive, everything opposite to what he was used to at home. He understands that his questing in this fashion has something to do with his homosexuality, but he fails to properly explain the connection.

Toby Schneebaum has recently been media-blitzed because of the recent documentary about his life, "Keep the River on Your Right." *WILD MAN* explores some of the same incendiary themes of that film (and the book it's based on). This wonderfully warm man writes provocatively about what many have felt, but few expressed: that each of us longs for the primal. To read *WILD MAN* is to glimpse the savage desire within us all.

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