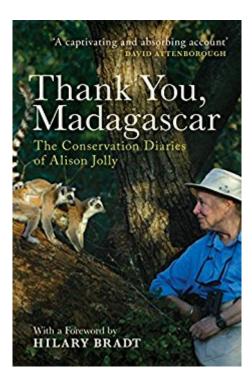
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Thank You, Madagascar





Synopsis

Madagascar is one of the worldâ [™]s natural jewels, with over ninety per cent of its wildlife found nowhere else on Earth. Few people knew it better than the pioneering primatologist and conservationist, Alison Jolly. Thank You, Madagascar is her eyewitness account of the extraordinary biodiversity of the island, and the environment of its people. At the bookâ [™]s heart is a conflict between three different views of nature. Is the extraordinary forest treasure-house of Madagascar a heritage for the entire world? Is it a legacy of the forest dwellersâ [™] ancestors, bequeathed to serve the needs of their living descendants? Or is it an economic resource to be pillaged for short-term gain and to be preserved only to deliver benefits for those with political power? Exploring and questioning these different views, this is a beautifully written diary and a tribute to Madagascar.

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The publication of the posthumous work â œThank You, Madagascar: The Conservation Diaries of Alison Jollyâ • could hardly be more timely â " with Madagascarâ ™s lemurs hitting the news as

among those currently at the leading edge of what scientists are calling Earthâ ™s â ^Sixth Mass Extinctionâ [™]. Our primate cousins the lemurs are the planetâ [™]s most endangered mammal group, with some 95% of the 100-odd known lemur species and subspecies to different degrees facing extinction â " about a guarter of them being categorised by the IUCN as in critical danger. A recent study by the Overseas Development Institute considering climate change impacts, meanwhile, goes as far as indicating that on present trajectories the people of Madagascar will be amongst those facing the worst extremes on Earth within the next two decades in terms of food shortages, lack of access to drinking water, sanitation, healthcare, etc., with epidemics likely in their wake; a veritable Apocalypse. (And on such a note, when Pope Francis just this month released an unprecedented and universal call to action on climate change, US Presidential hopeful Jeb Bush wags his finger saying the Pope should keep out of politics. This son and brother of US Presidents was not so conspicuously in the news just a few years ago for having a business meeting with the then coup-installed president of Madagascar, Andry Rajoelina - since which time Mr Bush has been implicated in some oil industry iniguities in Madagascar, with allegations of land grabbing, lying and environmental despoiling in connection with a Chinese oil company - as touched on in this book on p.328. Anyway...

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