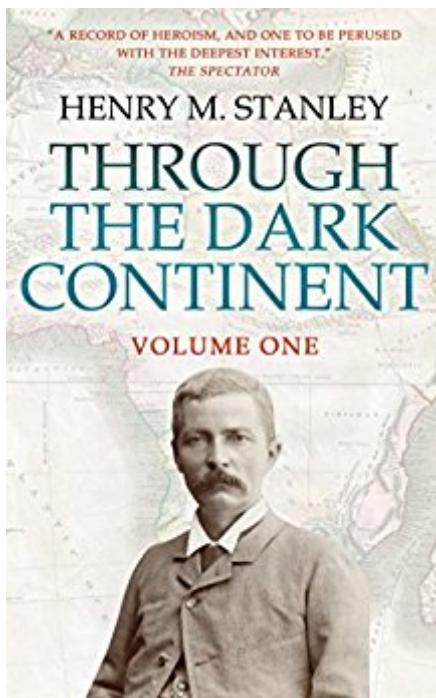


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Synopsis

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Although sometimes tedious in some of the details and names, this book rates five stars for the incredible story it tells. With four white men, and over 200 African porters carrying goods for presents and payments to tribal chiefs to allow their passage and to buy food, this was a huge expedition. Gifts were not always sufficient, and many battles with various tribes ensued. This is history and an exciting adventure. It gives a whole new understanding of Africa. I highly recommend it.

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Excellent- fast !!!

Good read, interesting.

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