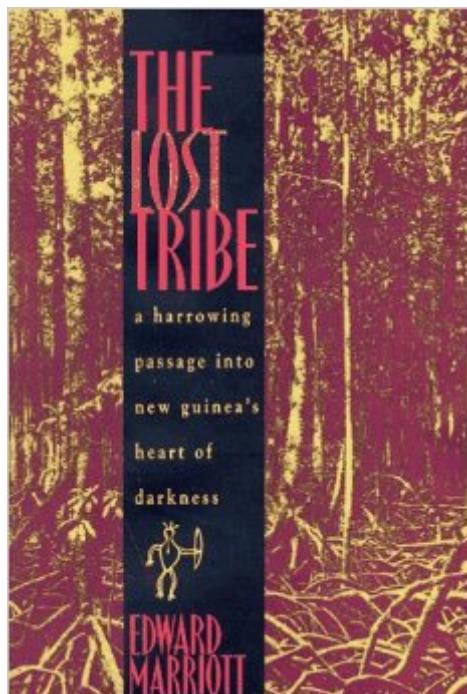


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The Liawep were a lost tribe living in deep jungle in far northwest Papua New Guinea; as far as the outside world was concerned they did not exist. Marriott first heard about them in 1993, when their "discovery" by a missionary hit the headlines. He set out to find them himself, to hear their stories, their hopes, & their fears for their changing world. Banned by the Papua New Guinea government from visiting them, he assembled his own patrol & ventured illegally into the wilderness. "A gripping narrative adventure & a stunning account of what happened to a small society of primitive people suddenly ensnared by the predations of modern life." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Liawep is not a lost tribe. I am an anthropologist and I have been studying the "Lost Tribe" over the last three years and I am still carrying out my anthropological fieldwork among them. Every year I spend a couple of months with the so-called "Liawep" in Papua New Guinea. Liawep is not their real name but it is the name of one of their hamlets, the place where they were cutting the bush to build an airstrip when the events described in the book took place. Unfortunately I was not in Liawep during the "harrowing passage" of the book's author. Nevertheless, my Liawep informants counted me in detailed terms the story of his arrival and the tragical consequences of his blitz. During my latest visit to the Liawep, after this book was published in UK, I brought a copy of the book with me and I translated it to them, sentence by sentence. The Liawep people were disgusted by that book and they denied almost the totality of the events in which several of them were described by their

own names. I was asked by Liawep leaders to diffuse in our western global society what is, according to them, the real version of the events whose tragical conclusion was the death of five people, four children and a woman. That is the job I am working at now with the aim of defending the intellectual property of this tribal people and preventing their exploitation. For the uninformed reader of "The Lost Tribe" it may be interesting to know that the book contains three kind of faults : 1) SCIENTIFIC FAULT : The Liawep are not a lost tribe. The Liawep are "lost" according to this book but not according to other papua new guineans or to the anthropologists working in the area.

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